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## Time To Vote For The Best Of Pasadena!

The *Voice* wants to know which businesses, restaurants, services and venues in Greater Pasadena have become your favorites over the past year. It's simple — just fill out the survey and return it to the Voice by **Friday, April 5**. We will then tally all the votes and announce this year's winners in our April 18 edition. You may also cast your ballot by voting online at www.pasadenavoice. com/bestofpasadena.

### THE RULES

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for at least **10** categories for the ballot to be valid. If you are nominating a business that has multiple locations, please specify the exact location you are nominating.

- Entries should be mailed to Pasadena Voice, P.O. Box 177, Pasadena, Maryland, 21123, or handdelivered to our office at 1511 Ritchie Highway, Suite 304, in Arnold.

### THE DATES

Deadline for entry is Friday, April 5. All entries must be received by close of business on April 5 to be counted. We will print a reminder in the March 21 issue of The Voice, and the winners will be announced in the April 18 issue.

Winning businesses, organizations, services and venues will receive a custom-designed window sticker designating their Best of Pasadena status.

Thank you for your participation. We look forward to announcing the winners you select!

» Cast your votes on A6

# **Worldwide Night To Shine Tradition** Touches The Lives Of Local Families

By Dylan Roche dylan@pasadenavoice.com

magine stepping out of a limousine onto **L**a red carpet to the sound of a cheering, applauding crowd. You enter a dance hall where there are decorations, music, food and other luxuries just for you and a hundred other guests who, like you, have spent much of their lives on the fringes.

That's a major part of what makes Night to Shine so special. The worldwide prom-style event for young people with special needs, which took place this year on Friday, February 8, cultivates an atmosphere of support, love and celebration. For Heather Ferguson, a Pasadena mother whose two sons with disabilities attended this year's Anne Arundel County event, it's a

shining example of the support that families like hers have in the community. "When you go into places in the community with disabled children, you're different; this particular event is designed for children like them and it gives them a sense of belonging," she said.

FAITH in Glen Burnie was one of 10 churches in Maryland and the only one in Anne Arundel County to participate in Night to Shine, which is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. More than 100 guests — some of whom came from as far as Pennsylvania and Virginia — were treated by more than 250 volunteers to an evening out with photo shoots, limo rides, a red-carpet arrival and dancing.

Deanna Lechowicz, who has been the volunteer chairperson



of the event for two years, sees FAITH's participation as a Night to Shine host church as a way to provide families a home where they can be loved year-round. "I've grown up with special-needs people in my life," she said. "It's near and dear to my heart, and this is an awesome ministry. I want them to feel special, and I want to see the excitement on their faces. It makes my heart so overjoyed."

Geared toward young people ages 14 and older, the event matches each guest with a volunteer buddy who escorts him or her throughout the evening. When they arrive, guests receive a corsage or boutonniere, then girls are treated to hair and makeup pampering while boys get their shoes shined. Afterward, they have a photo shoot against a » Continued on A6

## Pittman Plans New Budget Hearing Format

By Zach Sparks zach@pasadenavoice.com

ike walking into a store" — that's how County Executive Steuart Pittman described the new town hall budget meeting process. Instead of choosing between a new pair of athletic shoes and a crockpot, Anne Arundel County residents will voice their preference between salary raises, community amenities and road improvements while also supporting or opposing the tax hikes that may fund

Voters opted for a referendum in 2016 that required the county executive to hold at least two public budget hearings prior to finalizing the initial proposal on May 1. Pittman is expanding that requirement so that each council district will have a meeting. Northeast High School will host the Pasadena event on Tuesday, March 12, » Continued on A4

those items.

# Anne Arundel May Soon Regulate Short-Term Rentals

By Zach Sparks

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t sounds like the plot of a slapstick comedy film a group of people rent a home for the weekend and invite more than 100 guests to a party that gets so rowdy that police are called three times, and when the cruisers arrive, the partiers all rush to their cars and create a bottleneck at a spot they mistake for

the community exit. Except this was not a



Short-term rentals, like this Arnold home owned by Timothy Mewmaw, allow people to visit Anne Arundel County at an affordable rate, but some neighbors are worried about guests.

fictional scenario and the Severna Park neighbors did not laugh when they heard the raucous noise and saw cars speeding through the Kensington community on July 4, 2018.

Now, some people are advocating regulations on sites like HomeAway, VRBO, FlipKey and the most popular, Airbnb, which all allow people to rent out their property on a shortterm basis.

That business has become lucrative for some homeowners. According to data

nb, Anne Arundel County had 48,700 arrivals that paid a collective \$7.8 million to hosts during 2018. Of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions, only Baltimore City (\$14.9 million), Montgomery County (\$11.3 million) and Prince George's County (\$9.4 million) had more. The next closest, Garrett County, accounted for \$2 million.

Carol Shepard lists her Riviera Beach home on Airbnb. From September 2016 to mid-February 2019, her home was booked 191 times. She is in favor of some reasonable restrictions but believes it's up to the homeowner to enforce rules that keep guests from disturbing neighbors.

"Airbnb doesn't come to my house to make sure it's fireproof and it's safe," Shepard said. "That's one

released in January by Airb- change I could see."

Matt Hetrick lists four properties on Airbnb including a loft over Main Street in Annapolis that was booked 351 times between June 2015 and January 2019. He would welcome fair regulations and zoning discussions, but he thinks laws limiting the frequency of rentals in Anne Arundel County would be detrimental.

"I think if someone is upset about their neighbor or a party, that's not the best way to do it," Hetrick said. "I find it counter to the spirit of entrepreneurship and to the idea of introducing guests to our county and our city. The people are vibrant and they come from all over the country. They're coming for a wedding or to visit the Naval Academy. There is a longstanding tradition of renting out homes during Commissioning Week.'

Timothy Mewmaw uses Airbnb to list a detached bedroom in Arnold. Since April 2017, he's hosted 185 times. Both he and Hetrick agreed that homeowners should take responsibility for setting house rules, and the site's rating system alerts users about noncompliant guests and bad hosts.

"I fail to see how restrictions would address someone being a rambunctious neighbor, but I agree it is a concern," Mewmaw said. "Renters should follow the same guidelines for parking, for noise ordinance, for all that stuff."

Montgomery County, Prince George's County and » Continued on A5

# How Soup-erb: 10th Crab Soup Cook-Off **Expected To Be The Rotary's Best Yet**

By Zach Sparks

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ow many 3-ounce cups of crab soup does it take to help send six students to college and to pro-

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vide more than 1,700 thirdgraders with dictionaries? The answer: a whole lot.

The Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary Club is inviting the public to its annual crab soup cook-off, where they can taste the area's best cream of crab and Maryland crab soups, vote for their favorites, and support Pasadena and Severna Park's youth.

This year's event is set for Sunday, March 24, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Kurtz's Beach, located at 2070 Kurtz Avenue in Pasadena. Confirmed restaurants are

Bahama Mike's, the Greene Turtle, Kim Ward of Angel's Food Market, Bella Napoli Italian Restaurant, and Founders Tavern and Grille.

Ten years ago, Rotarian Larry Sanders coined the idea for a Rotary crab soup cook-off as a replacement for the club's pancake breakfast, which yielded minimal profits. 'You can't do much with \$300," he said.

The event's current chair,



John Clark, added, "Nobody was trying to do a soup competition that time of year. It was more in the fall when » Continued on A4

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Volunteer Of The Month

### Chris Mullady Leads Wellness **Class For CHS Teachers**



Christopher Mullady received his Volunteer of the Month award from Voice staff reporter Maya Pottiger.

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tomorrow than you

focusing on progress,

were today. We're

not perfection."

— CHRIS MULLADY

### By Maya Pottiger

On Monday afternoons, a handful of Chesapeake High School staff members meet in the school's wellness center for a strength and conditioning class. The class is voluntarily led by Christopher Mullady, a math and computer science teacher.

"It's all about you getting better. Just be a little better tomorrow than you were today," Mullady said. "We're focusing on progress, not

perfection." Mullady started the class in

November. Over the last few months, the club has grown, as has the enthusiasm from the staff members who are involved.

"In the past, I'd have to

say, 'Hey, are you coming today?" Mullady said. "Now, all of a sudden, they swing by the classroom and say, 'Hey, that's still going on tonight, right?' I like the grown enthusi-

forward to it." Each Monday, roughly five to 10 staff members show up for an hour of stretching and exercising led by Mullady. Though

asm. They're also looking

he never completed his official certification, Mullady has been interested in personal training for several years, and he has four clients that he sees

outside of school. Mullady was interested in helping his colleagues because he wanted to create a healthy option for faculty members at

the school.

"Unfortunately, teaching is not the healthiest profession in terms of confinement to the classroom," Mullady said. "A lot of teachers find themselves sitting for long periods of time, as well. And then you combine that with the stress of the occupation, and then the demands of the occupation."

Through strength and conditioning classes, Mullady has watched bonds form between colleagues who wouldn't ordinarily interact.

"Just based on their responsibilities, a lot of them don't naturally speak to each other," Mullady said. "Now, all of a sudden, they are because of this bond and the way they push each other. It's great. They're forging their own little team."

Another teacher leads yoga classes on Thursdays. Mullady said he tries to incorporate some of the yoga moves into the stretches during his class.

In his class, Mullady focuses a lot on technique. He wants to make sure everyone is doing the exercises correctly so that they can repeat them at home or outside of school.

"Everyone needs mini victories. No matter your occupation, it just feels good," Mullady said. "I think it's important because it makes them feel good as well."

## Editor's Voice

Dylan Roche Editor



In case you missed it on the front page, I will be only too happy to fill you in — it's February, and that means it's time to start voting for our annual Best of Pasadena contest. It's amazing to me how popular this contest always proves to be.

Not that I should be surprised, of course. I know our readers take pride in their community, and everyone has their favorite place to eat, their trusted health care professional, their favorite home service company, and so on and so forth. That's why I hope that when you finish reading this column, you'll turn back to the front page to read the rules and then to page A6 to read all the categories eligible for this year's contest.

We had to remove a few categories to make room for new ones, but I think you'll agree that this year's ballot reflects a range of businesses, organizations and even people who make Pasadena stand out.

You can even cast your vote online — no envelopes, stamps or mailing required. Just go to www.pasadenavoice.com/ bestofpasadena and type in your nominees. Bear in mind that you can vote only once, so make your

ballot count. The voting period ends on April 5, and all the ballots will be totaled so that winners can be announced in the April 18 issue of the paper.

If you're eligible for a category in Best of Pasadena, be sure to let all your supporters know to vote for you. Now isn't the time to be modest. We want as many people in the community voting as possible so that the list of winners will reflect whom or what everyone really considers the best. You can even reach out to us to get a digital copy of our "Vote for Us" flyer with all the necessary information. Print it and post it in your front window, or share it on your Facebook and Instagram.

While winter continues, don't go hibernating on us! I know the cold and the snow have been a drag this year, but I also know many of you are still getting out to make the community a better place. We are always on the lookout for story ideas, and we want tips on the news that matters to you, our readers. If you know of a person or project that should be featured in the paper, or if you have feedback on anything you've read, shoot me an email at dylan@pasadenavoice.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Until next time, Pasadena — stay warm, and stay dry!

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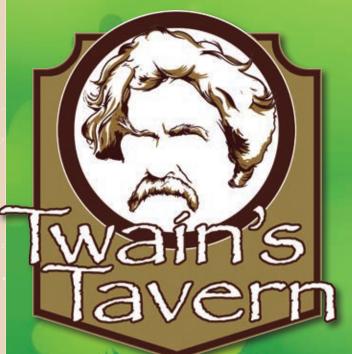


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# Supporters Gather For Take Back Our Streets Fundraiser



The Reserve at Two Rivers opened its doors on Friday, January 25, for a grand fundraiser to benefit Take Back Our Streets, a nonprofit partnership dedicated to helping schools, children and families in Anne Arundel County. Among the supporters of the evening were Two Rivers owner Tony Toskov (center) and Delegates Nic Kipke and Brian Chisholm of District 31B.

## 10th Crab Soup Cook-Off To Be Rotary's Best Yet

» Continued from A1 crabs were plentiful."

What started out as an event with about 135 attendees and a few thousand dollars now draws crowds that exceed 400 people and collects \$8,000 or more annually. Clark has an even more ambitious goal this year: \$14,000. That amount would fund the scholarships and dictionary project, but the Rotary's previous record from any Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary crab soup cook-off is \$10,000 and the highest attendance was 586 in 2013.

"Our focus went from being just scholarships to also being dictionaries," said Clark, who counted 20 elementary schools throughout Pasadena, Severna Park and Arnold that benefit from the program.

"The dictionaries are actually gazetteers because they have geography information in them."

With the now 71-year-old Lake Shore Rotary Club merging with the Severna Park affiliate in 2014, annual dictionary costs increased from about \$2,000 to \$5,200, Clark said.

This year's event will have lower ticket prices and a lower registration fee for participating restaurants, yet Clark hopes to make up the difference with corporate sponsor donations and with added enthusiasm for the event, which is even more family friendly this year.

"We're going to have face painting, balloons, photography with the Rotary sign in the back, nautical cloth-



Giuseppe's took people's choice for best cream of crab during the 2018 crab soup cook-off.

ing, and painted crab shells," Clark said. "So it's not just tasting soup."

But, of course, the appeal for many people is the soup, and the event has plenty of it. The recipes are always interesting and varied.

"Some people put pork in the Maryland crab and some people will keep it to vegetables," Clark said. "I think the spicier ones are some of the best. For the cream of crab, some people are OK with that clam chowder consistency while others want the thickness. It just depends on your preference."

Angel's Food Market General Manager Kim Ward has thrown "everything but the kitchen sink" in her awardwinning soup, which features beef, bacon, beer and barley among other vegetables and seasonings. One year, Founders Tavern and Grille mixed broccoli into its Maryland crab soup.

Meanwhile, repeat winner Bella Napoli sticks to a straightforward yet succulent recipe that goes heavy on cream and crab meat — with small doses of Old Bay, celery, onions and Sherry — without much use of flour, butter or

other thickening agents.

Judges selected Mutiny Pirate Bar & Island Grille for best cream of crab soup and Sam & Maggie's Dockside Grill for best Maryland Soup last year. Founders Tavern & Grille earned people's choice for Maryland crab and Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant took people's choice for best cream of crab. Other past winners include Gourmet Pizza and Subs, Two Rivers Steak & Fish House, Honey Bee Diner, Fifer's Seafood, Garry's Grill and The Pit Stop Pub.

Three yet-to-be-determined judges will do a blind taste test to determine the winners. Business owners, politicians, chefs, retired fire chiefs and culinary teachers have all served as judges over the years.

"I've tried hard to get people of note and I try to have someone different every year," Clark said. "They are not [affiliated] with us in any way other than I met them through business, or the community or through our other connections."

Kurtz's Beach will have other food on hand for kids, and an open bar will service anyone 21 and over.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for children 5 and under. Advanced adult tickets can be purchased at Sanders Diamond Jewelers, located at 31 Magothy Beach Road in Pasadena. To learn more about the event or corporate sponsorships, call Clark at 410-320-3145.

"It's a win-win," Clark said.
"We're going to raise money
for scholarships and dictionaries and we're also going to
promote the restaurants. Outside of helping [high school]
seniors, I cannot express a
greater joy than handing dictionaries to third-graders."

## Pittman Plans New Budget Hearing Format

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from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Each town hall will feature opening remarks from the county executive and the host councilmember, followed by a brief budget presentation. Attendees will then be encouraged to pose questions.

"Rather than having the citizens come in and talk to the department heads and pick up their brochures in a gymnasium with a bunch of tables, it's going to be a hearing, and there is going to be information provided to people before they come to that hearing," Pittman said. "People are going to stand up, just the way they do at the county council meetings, and argue for what they believe and I'm going to listen. And then we have to go back and come up with a plan."

The Anne Arundel County website will allow people to review last year's spending, and see the cost of adding services and county employees.

"We've asked for basic information: how much a police officer and car costs, how much a teacher costs, how much a school costs," Pittman said. "If we want to fund those things, then we look at sources of revenue. There's the property tax, the income tax and impact fees from developers."

Councilman Nathan Volke is eager to attend the budget hearing to learn more about the options and he's in favor of the new format.

"The budget will have not been put together yet, so we can say, 'If you do X, this is the consequence,' and that will give people a sense holistically of what the cost is of making these decisions," Volke said.

According to a January report issued by the Spending and Affordability Committee, Anne Arundel County should receive \$57.2 million more than Fiscal Year 2019 due to an income growth rate projection of 3.75 percent. Pittman said roughly \$40 million of that total will be earmarked for mandated requirements like pensions.

Salary increases might mean reversing course on recent tax cuts under former County Executive Steve Schuh and the former county council, but Volke thinks that objective can be met without raising taxes.

"I'm opposed to tax increases and that was something I was pretty clear on when I ran for office, but I also ran

on incrementally funding our government infrastructure and the people who make it work — police, firefighters and teachers, and there are many other people too," Volke said. "I think we can do that without raising taxes."

Other budget town hall meetings include Southern High School on February 27, Arundel High School on March 5, Glen Burnie High School on March 7, Lindale Middle School on March 20, Severna Park High School on March 26 and Annapolis High School on March 28. Pittman's administration plans to live-stream each meeting.

Pittman will announce his budget on May 1. The county council will have 45 days to deliberate changes. In a statement, Pittman emphasized the importance of citizen input.

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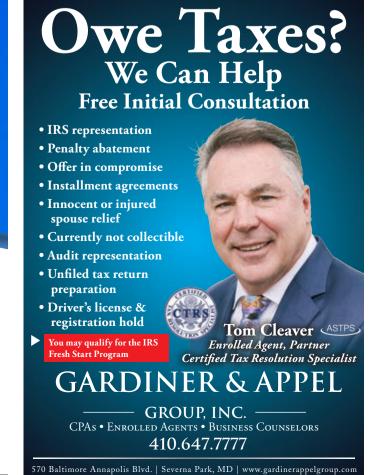
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## Regulating Rentals

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cilmember Hans Riemer sponsored the Montgomery County bill, which took effect in July 2018.

"We had a fair amount of residents who were using Airbnb ... buying up property and turning them into full-time hotels," he said. "Homes are for housing and we want to keep it that way."

The accepted Montgomery County legislation limits homeowners to short-term rentals of 120 days per year if they do not reside in the home. It also limits the number of guests to six per listing and two adults per room. Homeowners must also apply for \$150 licenses and renew them each year.

"You hear from people saying, 'I think it's terrible. It's my property and I should be able to do what I want with it," Riemer said. "But I think there's quite a wide middle ground that allows people to use it in a targeted way."

But each jurisdiction has different needs, noted Anne **Arundel County District** 5 Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler.

"A situation like this is going to impact the entire county, so it's really important to be proactive and try to estimate the unintended consequences and look at all sides," Fiedler said.

Fiedler is still welcoming input on the issue and has not yet drafted any legislation. District 3 Councilman Nathan Volke said he has not heard any Airbnb complaints from his constituents.

A bill at the state level failed to get out of committee last year, and the only returning sponsor, Brian Feldman from Montgomery County, has no plans to reintroduce it, according to his office.

Nationwide, Indiana was the only state to pass shortterm rental regulations in 2018, although 15 other states considered changes, according to the Pew Research Center.

Each Maryland jurisdiction will continue regulating the short-term rental industry on its own.

Prince George's County legislation, which will take effect in October 2019, was similar to the Montgomery County law in that it requires hosts to apply for a county license and it allows only eight guests.

In December, after facing pressure from representatives in the hotel industry, the Baltimore City Council voted to impose a 9.5 percent tax on guests who use short-term rentals.

Shepard thinks that rate is too high for Anne Arundel. "You're there for a comfortable stay in someone's home," she said. "I don't do this for business although it's a nice business — I do it to share my home."

Mewmaw emphasized that most of his guests are blue-collar workers and not necessarily the corporate clientele that stay in hotels.

"A difference of \$4 to \$5 a night makes a big difference on what room gets booked," Mewmaw said. "Granted, you can say the overall rate will go up for everyone. My sense is that it will eliminate more hosts.

## PBA '80s-Themed Scholarship Event Takes Fun **To The Max To Benefit College-Bound Seniors**

By Judy Tacyn

Pull your Trapper Keeper from your locker and mark down March 2 so you can attend the '8os-themed party of the year — the Pasadena Business Association's annual fundraiser dinner at Kurtz's Beach from 7:00pm to 11:00pm. The crowd-pleasing Guys in Thin Ties band will rock the house with '80s music, so grab your turtleneck, puffer jacket or jelly shoes and plan to moonwalk the night away.

Dine on delicious cuisine — like pit beef and raw oysters — and decadent desserts from a menu only the chefs at Kurtz's can offer. There will be dozens of baskets, donated by local businesses, in a silent auction that will surely have something for everyone. And, no '80s party would be complete without some metallic lycra, so dig deep in the back of your closet to find your long-forgotten '80s treasures - neon legwarmers, perhaps - and compete in the Best Costume contest.

Since its inception, the event has allowed the PBA to award more than \$200,000 to Northeast and Chesapeake high school students heading for college. Event coordinator Jerry Nicklow said he and his team of volunteers hope to raise more than last year's event, which pulled in more than \$15,000.

"When I was younger, I needed assistance to follow my dreams," said Nicklow,





Not only do event attendees get to support Pasadena's youth but they also get to don stylish outfits while vying for the honor of Best Costume.

who has coordinated the annual dinner for seven years. "Now I am in a position to help deserving young people achieve their dreams, too."

One of last year's scholarships helped Northeast High School graduate Nichole Fish attend her dream school, High Point University in North Carolina.

"This university has endless resources and connections, and provides students with an extraordinary education while teaching them premier life skills," Fish said. "This is why I knew it was the perfect place for me. However, tuition was far out of range, and without the very generous scholarship from the Pasadena Business Association, I very well may have had to choose a different school.

"I worked so hard during high school to achieve the highest grades, get involved with many clubs and organizations, and participate in several sports," Fish continued. "The recognition from Pasadena Business Association's scholarship truly validated why I worked so hard throughout high school. It felt great to be recognized

and only inspired me to work even harder in college. Hard work does pay off and the scholarship I received helped to allow me to attend a truly one-of-a-kind university where I could continue to strive."

To learn more about the event, make a donation, or get involved as a volunteer, visit www.pasadenabusinessassociation.com/scholarshipfundraiser or contact Jerry Nicklow at jerry@huffinsurance.com or 410-647-1111. Many sponsorship levels and donation options are available for businesses.

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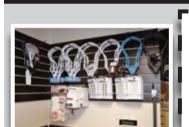
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center to spend the rest of the night enjoying music, dancing, food and much more. The night concludes with each of the guests crowned a king or

queen of the prom. "It's a way to let them know that they're worthy, they're special, that God made them

this way," Lechowicz said. "You see so many people with big smiles on their faces. They don't feel like outsiders."

Ferguson watched her older son, Drake, and younger son, Caleb, leave the event feeling "loved, valued, and having a place in the community." She

explained that Caleb, who has autism, loves dancing, but children with autism have problems with sensory processing. "Loud noises and loud music affect them in a negative way," she said. "This was a time for him to dance and dance among people like him." Drake, she continued, is more physically restricted, but the prom night was still a blast. "He enjoys the light and the excitement and the care he's receiving from other people," she said.

The evening was also rewarding for her as a parent.

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### NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE MONTH

# Mil-Bur



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Photo by Judy Tacyn Above: Megan Tuozzo, Glenn Clayville, Denise Pirone, Cindy Ruskey and David Ruskey are proud to call Mil-Bur



# Park And Water Access: Tiny Mil-Bur Community Has It All

### **By Judy Tacyn**

Tucked away at the end of Mountain Road — between Chesapeake High School and Downs Park — is a small, quiet neighborhood called Mil-Bur. With both water and park access, and within walking distance to three of the best public schools in the county, it's no surprise that when one of the 75 homes go on the market, they sell quickly.

Children attend Bodkin Elementary, which they can walk to on sidewalk-lined streets secured by a crossing guard. Older kids attend Chesapeake Bay Middle and Chesapeake High School.

The community enjoys summer parties at the community's private pool. Nearly monthly activities include adult game night; kids movie night; Mil-Bur bar crawl; a kids Easter egg hunt at the park; Memorial Day party; kids "school's out for summer" party; Fourth of July potluck party; Labor Day party; neighborhood patio crawl; potluck Oktoberfest party; Halloween party; December caroling; and a holiday decoration contest and party. At the events, residents of all ages, from infants to seniors, join in the fun. Additionally, there is a community park, a marina overlooking Cornfield Creek, and a boat pier and ramp.

### **CINDY RUSKEY**

RESIDENT FOR 24 YEARS

Cindy Ruskey and her husband, David, moved to Pasadena in 1985 and into the Mil-Bur community in 1995

"We actually chose the house and property not knowing what a gem we had stumbled upon," Cindy said. "It was such a nice, quiet and well-kept neighborhood."

Cindy said that the majority of community events revolve around the park, pool and holidays, with a purposeful intention of connecting socially.

She and her family have appreciated the neighborhood's close proximity to educational facilities, a library, Downs Park and water access. Two of her three children attended Bodkin Elementary, and all three attended Chesapeake Bay Middle and Chesapeake High schools.

"I'd definitely recommend Mil-Bur," Cindy added. "It's far away yet close to quite a few nice and convenient things. Most neighbors seem to take pride in

their homes and keeping Mil-Bur looking good."

### **GLENN CLAYVILLE** RESIDENT FOR 23 YEARS

Glenn Clayville has lived throughout Lake Shore neighborhoods for 51 years. He grew up in Sylvan View, purchased his first house in Long Point, and moved to Mil-Bur in 1996.

"Living almost my entire life in Pasadena, I could not ask for a better place to grow up and raise a family," Clayville said. "Like me, my kids go to the same schools, play for Lake Shore sports, ride bikes around Downs Park and through the neighborhoods. During the summer, children hang out in neighborhood until dark without any fear. Everyone looks out for everyone else's kids, which is no different than growing up in '70s in Sylvan View. You can't go anywhere without running into someone you know."

Clayville has been on the homeowners board for approximately 15 years, serving on the grounds and architectural committee.

### **DENISE PIRONE**

RESIDENT FOR 28 YEARS

Denise Pirone moved into Mil-

Bur because she had friends in the community and heard that new homes were going to be built and annexed to the community. She loved the size and amenities that Mil-Bur homes offered, and she knew that it would be a great place to raise children. Because her family members are avid boaters, the marina privileges were appealing.

"We are blessed with great neighbors that we know we can depend on. We all look out for one another," Pirone said. "Our neighbors help one another by running errands, taking meals to someone in need and taking someone to appointments when needed."

The Pirones participate in many community activities, and enjoy helping on cleanup days to get the pool and park ready for the season. Her husband has served on the homeowners association board in many capacities.

### **MEGAN TUOZZO** RESIDENT FOR NEARLY

Three Years Megan Tuozzo met her husband

in college at Virginia Tech. After graduation, they moved to Pasadena together in 2004.

In 2015, the couple started looking for homes in the Chesapeake

school system. "We looked for over a year and ended up driving through the Mil-Bur community when a house popped up for sale. I immediately fell in love with it because it had trees and the houses are all different," Tuozzo said. After touring the home, the Tuozzos went to their son's soccer game. "While speaking with some other parents there, we found out that the house we had just looked at was their best friend's house. We asked them to put in a good word for us. An offer was put in and accepted within the next two days.'

Tuozzo called her neighbors incredible. "We have so much fun together and we enjoy being around each other so much," she said. "Nobody wants to leave Mil-Bur. We have had people here for a long time. That should say something."

Tuozzo serves as the community social director. "I wouldn't have it any other way," she said. "I am part of the book club, and there are very few weekends that you won't find me at the pool in the summer. I walk almost every day and I am one of those people that allow extra time because I will talk to everyone I see."





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## **POLITICS & OPINION**

# Acknowledging The Experiences Of Others

Nathan Volke Councilman District 3



n my short time in office, the unwelcome and persistent issues of bullying and racially motivated incidents in our schools keep coming up in the news and our local discussions. These incidents are not limited to a single geographic area or feeder system. This is not a Chesapeake or Arundel or Severna Park or Southern problem. The problems are county-wide and, frankly, country-wide. And the issues are bigger than what is happening in the schools. Dr. George Arlotto, the superintendent of Anne Arundel County Public Schools, pointed out in a column last November that students are only inside school facilities for 19 percent of the week. The other 81 percent of the time, they are in our community. While schools may

be part of the equation, the biggest factor is us.

Some people have suggested we need legislation or new public policies to address these issues. To some degree, they may be right. Policies and laws can address parts of these problems. But, similar to realizing that we cannot just expect our schools to fix the problems, another solution is to look at ourselves and our community.

Throughout my life in this community, I have gotten to know thousands of people in Pasadena and Anne Arundel County. The overwhelming majority of those people are hardworking, generous, kind-hearted people. There are certainly some who are bullies, racists and bigots, but they are the exception, not the rule.

This could be the point where you think, "You're right, I am not a bully, racist or bigot, so there is nothing more for me to do." But just as important as ensuring

that each of us lives by the golden rule in our own lives is acknowledging that there are people in our community who have been affected by experiences of bullying, racism and bigotry, and that it is a very real problem. And if it is a problem for even a single person in our community, then it is a problem that our entire community should be concerned about solving.

That brings me to my own experience over the last few months. In that time, I have had a chance to hear from people who have been bullied, harassed and targeted by racist acts in our community. It has opened my eyes in new ways to these problems. For me, it has been especially impactful to hear from people who attended Chesapeake High School, where I went to school, like many of you and many of the people coming forward and bravely sharing their experiences. Those experiences — mine and theirs — were very different, but

they are equally valid. After hearing from those who have been bullied, assaulted, and made to feel less than others — directly from their perspective — it is impossible not to acknowledge the very real problem they have experienced. That acknowledgement can lead to validating and empathizing with those experiences. That validation and empathy can open up new avenues that lead to understanding. And that understanding can lead

to change. Many of the presenters at the acceptance and inclusion meeting conducted by the Anne Arundel County Public Schools last month at Chesapeake Middle School discussed these exact themes. The first step is a willingness to listen to and acknowledge the experiences and perspectives of others that are different from our own. For vourself and our community, I hope you will take that step, too.

# **Positive News** From Annapolis

Bryan Simonaire Senator District 31



There is a daily and predictable news cycle coming from Washington D.C. on the problems in politics: It's the Democratcontrolled House of Representative's fault. No, it's the Republican-controlled Senate's fault. No, no, it's the White House's fault.

While plenty of news coming out of Washington, D.C., is negative and divisive, I want to share some positive news coming out of Annapolis. Despite not being immune from political fights, grandstanding and outrageous enactment of laws, Annapolis has many good things happening.

For example, a few years ago, you may recall I sponsored legislation to create a pilot program called Courthouse Dog and Child Witness Program. I worked with our court administrators, family and children advocates, animal enthusiasts and legal representatives in helping our children.

As you can imagine, there are many challenging court cases where young children are required to testify in emotionally charged situations involving domestic abuse, sexual abuse, witnessing criminal acts, contested divorce proceedings and more.

Our county, along with Hartford County, was designated to participate in the pilot program. The first phase was to establish court protocols and procedures to ensure fairness, logistics and assistance for children needing help testifying in our courts.

In February 2018, the Circuit Court had a swearing-in of 13 dog handlers and their dogs that participate in this program. We were honored to have Maryland's chief

judge, Mary Ellen Barbera, at the ceremony.

The program is now operational in both jurisdictions, but we are proposing to extend the pilot program two more years since it just became operational.

In a recent briefing on the program, the Anne Arundel court administrator gave a glowing report of its progress in our county. He testified that the program has been used numerous times with children. He also highlighted one case where a child participated in the court dog service. The child was dealing with serious emotional issues and bonding with the dog made it much easier to solicit the information and truth from the child

In fact, the administrative judge mentioned that dogs have come to the courthouse once a month, even if there isn't a child witness case. She mentioned this keeps the dogs familiar with the court building and has a positive impact on the workers and visitors in the building. Overall, she said the program has been positive and successful.

I am extremely pleased with the program and hope to pass the extension legislation this year. Thereafter, we will attempt to take the program statewide.

Of course, this could not have been possible without all the wonderful support from those in the Circuit Court, States Attorney's Office, the handlers and trainers of the dogs, my staff, advocacy groups and yes, the dogs, too! A big thank you to all of them.

I believe this is what people are looking from their representatives: teamwork, bipartisan cooperation, dedication and a willingness to work with all stakeholders for the betterment of our Maryland.

If I can be of any assistance, contact me at bryan. simonaire@senate.state.md.us.

# Miscommunication, Racism And A Garden

Brian Chisholm Delegate District 31



y first 30 days of representing you have been filled with scores of new faces delivering introductions, droves of information, motives, agendas, questions, concerns, ideas, philosophies, stress, impossible demands, and schedules filled with overlapping meetings. That said, I thank all of you for trusting me with this incredible opportunity and wouldn't change it even for a moment. Jimmy Buffett once penned and recorded a song titled "Manana" with poetic talent, expressing, "Don't try to describe a Kiss concert if you've never seen it." I will not fully defy his advice here, but I would like to undertake one occurrence I will try to describe here.

In my first 30 days, I have been confronted with a multitude of issues, but this one in particular called upon my attention. Recently, a local publication used the headline "Simonaire and Chisholm must apologize to the citizens of Pasadena for missing a community based meeting on racial tensions." I was a little taken aback but not overly surprised. I do fully understand and respect the role of the media and the demands outlets face with deadlines and the relentless push to sell papers and advertising. I am not sure why this publication felt compelled to call me out, but I will take this opportunity and address my absence. I have also supplied my thoughts on racism in our schools and society in conclusion of this letter.

Although I was unable to attend this particular meeting, I attended one of the first of these meetings held at the Eastern District Police Department on Pasadena Road just prior to Christmas. We attendees all left feeling strongly that we better understood the problem and had some positive direction for beginning the formula for taking on this dilemma.

We all agreed that much of the problem was multiplied by a lack of communication or simply miscommunication. Miscommunication plays a major role and is at the root of a bulk of the problems we face today and this controversy is not exempt. To combat this danger, we

must work to communicate more effectively and avoid miscommunications. There are three basic but important components to all forms of communication.

**Intent** is the first stage of communication and it falls in any one of three categories - good intent, bad intent and neutral intent. I know in today's electrified, polarized information age, this may sound absurd and I may be in the minority, but I believe 90 percent of the people we encounter daily have good intentions at their core. I propose we move forward assuming most people have good intentions.

**Approach** is second. This is how we deliver or communicate our intentions. This is the trickiest and most complex of all three stages because it can take on a multitude of forms, deliveries, opinions and beliefs. This is, of course, the stage where things often go flying off the track and become disagreeable, but this is often the place where we can find great understanding if we believe in the good intentions of others.

**Impact/Results** is the final but vital component of which we can learn the most. Here's where the greatest of intentions can produce some of the worst results. It is possible in some cases to actually have good results from bad intentions. I would hope most of our communication has good or neutral intentions with the hope of a positive result, but I fear the negative could be the unintentional outcome.

So where am I going with all of this and how in God's name does it relate to racism, newspaper headlines and a garden?

When we read headlines boldly exclaiming farreaching racial problems in our school systems and communities, it has the real possibility of implicating many innocent people. It can serve to become counterproductive and lead to negative results for many, regardless of the intent. I fear these well-intended miscommunications far too often can create a narrative that serves to divide rather than move toward working together to solve complex problems. I furthermore assume the headline suggesting that I owe the Pasadena community an apology was meant to serve as sound advice, but I believe it could be misconstrued by some that I do not care about these serious issues.

Now to the garden and how I will use it as a metaphor for taking on the scourge of racism. I borrow the following from one of my favorite teachers of all time, Jim Rohn. "We must all wage an intense, lifelong battle against the constant downward pull. If we relax, the bugs and weeds of negativity will move into the garden and take away everything of value." This is how I believe we must approach and handle these racial acts and issues. If you allow me the liberty of playing the gardener, we should first identify the weeds that look to destroy the entire garden if they are not removed. The weeds can soon overtake the entire garden and destroy all the good vegetables, plants and

food, so we must be vigilant to remove the weeds. This does not mean that we should yank out all of the healthy and enriched plants that can nourish the entire good crop in an effort to destroy the weeds that may be growing around the flourishing plants. These healthy, good plants can multiply twelve-fold to the benefit of all of us. If, however, we decide to poison the entire garden in order to remove the obstructive weeds strewn about the garden, all of us lose.

I love this community and I am proud to call it my home, but we are not immune to real problems. We should all work consistently to better the lives of those around us and be a strong example of a highquality neighbor.

# I See A Lighted Path Forward





T n January, I was sworn in by Governor Larry Hogan **▲** for a fourth term as comptroller. Below is a portion of the remarks I delivered.

After all these years, I remain profoundly honored by the chance to occupy the very office once held by Millard Tawes, Louis Goldstein and William Donald Schaefer. As I enter this, my fourth term, I am more grateful than ever for your confidence in my ability to follow in their storied footsteps and to take the Maryland Comptroller's Office to an even higher level.

While I am proud of the path we have carved together through the years, I am so much more exhilarated by what lies ahead. Because, as we come together today, the Maryland situation is one defined by great fiscal, economic and political contradictions.

Ours is, by many indicators, the most prosperous state in the Union, yet our fortunes remain conjoined with a federal government that is mired in dysfunction, held hostage by a low-rent con man whose governing style is based on chaos and political stunts.

Ours is arguably the besteducated state in the nation, one whose colleges, universities, medical schools and research laboratories are consistently resetting the limits of human understanding.

Yet far too many of our

public school students earn a diploma without the ability to balance a checkbook, establish a personal budget or appreciate the difference between good credit and bad - in other words, those basic skills they will need for a lifetime of success and security.

Ours is a state where too many of our elected officials prefer loyalty to the special interests over service to the people. They waste so much time and energy to vanquish ideas that have proven to be so popular and so beneficial to the public. And they would rather lecture the people on what they need instead of listening to what they want.

How else could one possibly explain the behavior of those who stand in pointless opposition to long summers and cold Maryland beer?

Ours is a state that purportedly treasures its small businesses, yet consistently drains their entrepreneurial spirit with onerous occupational licensing procedures, and with vague and cumbersome regulations.

Maryland's craft brew industry is Exhibit A. Our current laws are skewed against them, in favor of the corporate alcohol monopolies that hire the best lobbyists. Instead, I believe Maryland's laws and policies should be encouraging their innovative spirit.

Finally, ours is a state founded by reformers, and Maryland's history is glorified by those who had the courage to disrupt the status quo.

To this day, however, the politics of our state remain in the grip of the Annapolis

Machine – the remnants of a bygone age when a handful of bosses retired to the privacy of a smoke-filled room and handed their priorities down

to the rest of us, in secrecy. Some might see these contradictions as threats to our hard-earned reputation as a leader among states.

I don't. I see a golden opportunity to adapt to the future — to realize the true potential of a culture that is powered by ideas, transparency and citizen engagement, and not by the muscle of machine politics.

Through the detritus of the past, I see a lighted path forward. What does that mean?

The lighted path forward is embodied by a new approach to public policy — one that measures one's commitment to an issue not by the amount of taxpayer money that we are willing to spend but by the results that we demand in return.

It takes the form of a state government that is less preoccupied with grandiose promises than it is with answering the phone, greeting our taxpaying customers with respect, and pulling out all the stops to solve the problem.

It is a political culture where our leaders place genuine trust in the wisdom and common sense of those who have hired us and who pay our salaries.

It is an economic approach that devotes less time and energy to competing for global corporations that demand billions of dollars of taxpayer money and devotes more time and energy to tearing down barriers for those small,

local businesses that ask for nothing more than an honest chance to succeed in the marketplace.

It is the wholesale rejection of an educational policy that wastes irretrievable classroom time and hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars on our society's obsession with standardized tests.

It is the embrace of a radical new approach — one that provides sensible standards of progress while giving good teachers the freedom to teach and inspiring students to learn.

It means an end to the corrupt practice by which self-interested elected officials choose their voters and, through independent redistricting, a return to the democratic ideal of allowing neighborhoods and communities of shared interest to choose their leaders.

It even means putting an end to the disenfranchisement of those non-affiliated or independent voters who are gaining traction at a rate faster than that of either of our two major political parties.

By allowing independent voters to vote in democratic primaries, I believe we would expand our market share by opening doors to voters we have, heretofore, excluded from the most consequential elections in our state.

We will also produce candidates who are capable of speaking to the aspirations of a broader spectrum of Marylanders and who, therefore, are better equipped to win in both June and November.

## **HEALTH & FITNESS**

## Poison Prevention Awareness

Catherine DeJesus-Savas Associate Veterinarian,

Center



nfortunately, poisoning is one of the leading causes of injury and death in this country. One of the biggest poisoning epidemics is opioid overdoses. While this is not such an issue with our pets, veterinarians are seeing an increase in people seeking these drugs (as well as other controlled substances) through treatment of their pets. In some cases, pets are being abused in hopes that these medications will be prescribed to aid in pain management or anxiety. Due to this, many veterinary clinics have implemented more stringent protocols for assessment of patient history, physical exams, and identification requirements for dispensing our written prescriptions for these medications. While we want to ensure your pets get proper pain management, we also need to help prevent these medications from getting into the wrong hands while still being able to treat

Many unintended exposures affect both humans and pets. Here are some tips to prevent poisoning.

our patients.

Awareness: Read and follow all labels and directions. Review medicine and product labels before you use them, especially before giving medicines.

Every medication can have side effects, even if they are over-the-counter medications. Do not give your pet any over-thecounter medications without consulting with your

veterinarian. **Safety:** Store medicines and hazardous substances up, away, and out of the sight of children and pets. Keep these substances in their original containers. Clean any spills, like antifreeze, cleaners, medications, etc. Also, choose pet-friendly ways to winterize your homes/ driveways and use petsafe pest control.

Preparedness: Be prepared for an emergency. Keep the numbers to the poison helplines in your phone at all times. For Humans: The poison helpline is 1-800-222-1222. Text POISON to 797979 to save the number in your smartphone. For Pets: The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center phone number is 888-426-4435; there is a fee for its services. The staff will provide a case number to allow your veterinarian to access the specific treatment recommendations for your pet's toxin exposure. For HomeAgain members who have the full service annual membership, there is no charge to use the emergency medical hotline, which is staffed by ASPCA veterinarians.

Early Detection: Have carbon monoxide and smoke detectors that are fully functional in your home. Keep count of med-

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ications left in containers.

If you suspect that your pet has been poisoned, we recommend calling ASP-CA Animal Poison Control for advice on the next steps to take (monitoring vs immediate examination and treatment). If your pet is visibly ill, we recommend calling Poison Control first, then bringing your pet in to expedite the treatment process. Each poison is different and may cause negative affects at different doses.

At Calvert Veterinary Center, we will do our best to treat poisoned pets. However, depending on the severity of the poisoning, more emergent care may be required and necessitate transfer to an emergency facility. So remember to be aware, safe, prepared, and practice early detection to prevent your family and fur babies from poison-related illness. Calvert Veterinary Center has been serving Pasadena and surrounding communities for more than 14 years. The office is conveniently located at 4100 Mountain Road in Pasadena. To schedule an appointment, call 410-360-7297 or visit www. calvertvet.com.

## Tech Talk With Dr. Cranska

Jeffrey Cranska Family Laser Dentistry



odern dentistry is dynamic. Changes **⊥** to improve patient comfort and quality of care are always being developed. The use of improved dental materials, modern delivery systems, lasers, computergenerated imaging, and computer management software systems are just some of the changes.

In this column, I will answer questions on hightechnology dentistry. Please direct inquiries to my website at www.cranska.com or email me at familylaserdentistry@ outlook.com.

### **NINE REASONS TO CALL A DENTIST NOW**

- 1. Pain on biting
- 2. Swollen face
- 3. Broken teeth 4. Sensitive teeth
- 5. Jaw pain 6. Bleeding gums
- 7. Bad breath
- 8. Dry mouth
- 9. Mouth sores or growths

However long it has been, you need to see the dentist for a thorough examination. You need to learn what you

need to do to have a healthy mouth and get back into a regular oral care routine. See how modern dentistry can help.

### Q: What would a dentist do to my teeth?

**A:** A dentist is responsible for a thorough examination and proper diagnosis to determine the best treatment for the patient.

The first thing is to assess the patient's condition, examine for oral diseases and identify problems. This includes a review of health history, taking blood pressure and pulse, doing an oral cancer screening and examining the patient for oral diseases.

A comprehensive examination includes dental radiographs (X-rays) to check for abscesses, dental decay, oral pathology and periodontal disease. Collected information will be used to plan treatment.

### Q: What is tooth decay?

A: Dental decay (caries) is a bacterial disease. In their mouth, everyone has bacteria, which cause caries. These bacteria form a plaque on teeth (sticky bacterial deposits); sugar from the diet is turned into acid by these bacteria, which causes decalcification of the tooth, destroys the tooth enamel

and decay to occur. Dental caries is not completely preventable.

No vaccine is available to prevent this common disease. Without a cure, utilize the modern dental technologies for maximum prevention and limit destruction with early treatment. Decayed teeth need to be treated.

### Q: What are gum disease, periodontitis and periodontal disease?

**A:** Periodontal disease is an infection of the tissues that surround teeth. It is caused by the accumulation of bacteria (long-term plaque). It's progressive, causing the structures that support teeth to break down (gums, jaw bone and attachment to the roots). As gums are damaged, pockets develop around the teeth. Untreated, more gum is destroyed and infection spreads down the roots to infect bone. Even healthy teeth become loose, fall out or need to be extracted. Periodontitis is the primary cause of adults losing their teeth.

Gingivitis is the milder and reversible form of periodontal disease. No bone loss, yet. Gingivitis, if untreated, can progress to periodontitis.

Take advantage of the advances in dentistry and your dentist's experience. It's never too late for help.

## UM BWMC's Heartbeat For Health Set For Feb. 23

niversity of Maryland **Baltimore Washington** Medical Center (UM BWMC) is sponsoring Heartbeat for Health on Saturday, February 23, from 10:00am to 1:00pm at The Y in Arnold. This free, informative and fun-filled event will celebrate the benefits of dance and

exercise in the prevention of heart disease, while reinforcing community awareness and education about overall health and wellness.

New to this year's lineup of activities are exercise challenges and an obstacle course for kids. Dance and exercise demonstrations will also be presented by local organizations, and attendees are encouraged to participate. Free health screenings and educational displays will be offered. Refreshments and promotional items will also be available. For more information, visit www.umbwmc. org/heartbeatforhealth.

The Y in Arnold is located at 1209 Ritchie Highway in Arnold. For more information about Heartbeat for Health or for a free calendar of events of free screenings and programs at UM BWMC, call the medical center's community outreach department at 410-553-8103.

# **UM BWMC To Implement Visitor**

ue to an increase in the numbers of influenza cases throughout Maryland and Anne Arundel County, the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center is implementing a hospital-wide visitor safety of patients, visi-

of a patient) is permitted to visit inpatient units. Children under 18 are not to be brought to outpatient or doctor visits, unless the appointment is for the child. Only two adult visitors are allowed per patient at a time. Visitors exhibiting flu symptoms — runny nose, fever, cough — are not permitted to visit hospital patients.

# Restrictions Due To Flu

restriction policy for the tors and staff. No one under age 18 (except parents

# **Save The Date:** Gala To Benefit Partners In Care

**¬**ickets are on sale uual Black Tie and Diamonds Gala hosted by the Rotary Club of Annapolis. The benefit will be held from 6:00pm to 11:00pm on Saturday, March 2, at the Hotel Annapolis (formerly the Loews of Annapolis) at 126 West Street in Annapolis. Valet parking will be available.

Guests can enjoy an open bar and hors d'oeuvres while browsing a silent auction with many great items up for bid. A seated dinner with a live auction will follow. There will be special items, exciting trips, and a signature diamond piece donated by Zachary's. The evening will be topped with a decadent dessert and dancing to music by C&J Entertainment.

Annually, the Rotary Club of Annapolis sefrom the proceeds. This year, the beneficiary is Partners in Care, which services Anne Arundel County, Easton and Frederick. Founded in 1993, Partners in Care is a community nonprofit that empowers older adults to remain independent in their own homes. Using time exchange, the organization provides transportation, minor home repairs, civic engagement and advocacy via volunteer members. Participants contribute to the well-being of each other. Contact 410-544-4800 or visit www.partnersincare. org for information.

Gala tickets are \$150 per person and \$1,500 for to select a table in the ballroom. To purchase, 507-6020 or email her at annapolisrotaryevents@ gmail.com or visit www. annapolisrotary.org and

# Friends Of AA Trails **Hosts Inaugural Run**

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THE TRAILS

By Maya Pottiger

**¬** or the first time, **⊣** the Friends of Anne Arundel County Trails is hosting a run that will specifically benefit beautification projects along the trails.

"We were trying to find an event that would bring more awareness to the trails in Anne Arundel County and the Friends' efforts to support their mission, which There's a lot of

is to promote trail use and trail development and beautification projects along the trails," said Barb Smalls, the chairman for this event.

This new run, called Run for the Trails, will be held March 17 around the BWI Trail. The 10-mile run around the circular trail will offer good practice

for anyone training to run a half or full marathon.

"There's a lot of interesting artwork and rest areas the Friends have established around the BWI Trail, and I don't think a lot of people realize that's a great trail to either walk on, bike on or run on," Smalls said.

For the inaugural run, the Friends volunteers are trying to raise \$10,000 to fix the pond at Hatton Regester Green. There's a leak, and the water feature needs to be refurbished, Smalls said.

"Anything left over will be divided in the manner in which any other project needs to be addressed,' Smalls said.

The Friends hope to make this an annual event featuring a different trail every year.

"We're finding that people are excited that the Friends are finally sponsoring a race on the trails," Smalls said.

To register for Run for the Trails, visit www. active.com and search for the run. Registration fees increase as the date approaches. Regular registration is \$75, and race day registration is \$100. T-shirts and medals will be given to participants.

To sponsor the run

or volunteer on race day, email friendsofaatrails@ gmail.com. If you would like to make a donation to the Hatton Regester Green project but are unable to participate in the run, you can mail a donation to P.O. Box 464 in Severna Park. Make a notation on the check that the donation is for the Hatton Regester Green project.

Run for the Trails kicks off at Lindale Middle School, which is located at 415 Andover Road in Linthicum, at 8:00pm. The run ends at the same spot.

### Twenty + in Housed Dallace Nursing Education The nonprofit Bello Machre will receive a \$25,000 grant from Phillips Charitable Foundation to help fund its certified nursing assistant training program for 2019. Bello Machre supports people with developmental disabilities.

"We can't thank Phillips Charitable Foundation enough for their extremely generous gift," said Dr. Robert Ireland, president and CEO of Bello Machre. "This funding grant will help to train and develop our current employees to be confident in their abilities to provide outstanding care to the people we support."

Bello Machre's current 110-hour certified nursing assistant course will begin on March 11. The spring 2019 CNA class graduation ceremony will take place mid-April.

Phillips Charitable Foundation Inc. is a private charitable entity founded in 2016 by Eileen Gross at the request of Howard W. Phillips Jr. Phillips

was a 1944 graduate of Landon School and a 1950 graduate of Lehigh University. He remained an active and engaged alumni for both institutions until he passed away in November 2016. He was successful in business, leading the second generation of his family's business ventures in insurance and real estate investments. He was smart, generous and driven. He had a love for history and collected many historical treasures throughout his lifetime.

The year 2018 was the first for Phillips Charitable Foundation grants. Like Howard Phillips Jr., the grants focus on solving problems. They support charitable organizations that provide a genuine impact in the lives of others by removing obstacles and finding lasting solutions. Through its grantgiving, the foundation aims to bring measurable improvements in the prosperity, health, and vitality of people and communities.

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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## **UPS Store In Lake Shore Does More Than Mail**

By Maya Pottiger

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efore it was The UPS Store, the Lake Shore location was a Mail Boxes Etc. The storefront has provided the Pasadena community with a variety of business and personal services for more than 20 years.

In 2004, the location became The UPS Store. Billy Garver took over as the owner and franchisee in 2007.

"I realized throughout the years of owning this business that customer service is key,' Garver said. "I've worked in the restaurant business and retail practically all my adult life, so I come from a background where customer service is always in demand. We are known in this center for going above and beyond for our customers."

The UPS Store is currently running an advertising campaign for "all the 'ings' in your life." The business offers a variety of services, including faxing, copying, printing, shipping, packing, notarizing and shredding,



Billy Garver (left) and Ken Musselman own The UPS Store in Lakeshore Plaza.

as well as mailbox services. In November, The UPS Store rolled out canvas printing and mounting.

As a member of the Pasadena Business Association, Garver understands the importance of playing a role in the community, which is why The UPS Store works closely with schools and local businesses.

"We do Chesapeake High School, Northeast High

School, Chesapeake Bay Middle School," Garver said. "They have marketing campaigns that we do advertising for and sponsor."

This partnership has included custom shopping bags, megaphones for sporting events and printing raffle tickets.

For local business, The UPS Store does a lot of special printing. The store prints blueprints and posters for

construction companies, as well as menus and weekly specials for area restaurants, including Two Rivers Steak & Fish House and Twain's Tavern.

During the holiday season, The UPS Store is a donation location for Toys for Tots. A collection box in the store allows people to drop off toys. Outside the holiday season, The UPS Store collects dona-

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# A Crowning Achievement: **Dr. Jeffrey Cranska** Celebrates 40 Years Of High-Tech Dentistry



Dr. Jeffrey Cranska has been in practice for 40 years, but his commitment to his patients has never wavered.

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member Dan Wuertzer and

Scooby — who

\$2,500 donation

accepted a

Shepherd Rescue

Ashley (left),

owner of Lake Shore Pet

special guests

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Friends Of Lake Shore Pets

Charitable Trust Makes

The Community Stronger

from Ashley to support their organization, one of several

rescue/adoption nonprofits that Lake Shore Pet Hospital

supports. With a goal of ensuring all pets in the community are cared for, Ashley formed the Friends of Lake Shore Pets

Charitable Trust, and last year alone, he donated more than

fees, including heartworm and flea/tick prevention, amount

\$10,000 worth of products and services to animal rescue

rescue groups face, Ashley explained that the average vet

to approximately \$145. If the dog has to be kenneled for a

health problems, or are not placed right away — all while

month, that's another \$600. This doesn't even take into

account the dogs that need spay/neuter surgeries, have

the rescue groups try to keep adoption fees low.

groups. To put into perspective the significant cost that

### **By Zach Sparks**

r. Jeffrey Cranska has never been interested in doing things the easy way. Easy for the patient, yes — procedures are completed with minimal pain and discomfort — but not easy at the cost of cutting corners.

For 40 years, he has maintained an interest in preserving his patients' long-term dental health.

"I try to do minimal things using lasers, so I don't use scalpels hardly at all," said Cranska, who owns Family Laser Dentistry on Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard. "I don't need to use stitches. We use the laser to do a lot of things with very minimal bleeding

afterward. And it's the same thing with the fillings. I do a lot of fillings using a laser or an air abrasive unit, which is like a sandblaster, to cut the teeth so we don't have to drill out so much of the tooth."

Cranska graduated from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in 1979. He started a practice in Cape St. Claire, moved his business to Arnold after 15 years, and settled in Severna Park in 2005.

As technology has advanced, so has his local dental practice. In 1999, Cranska

trained to become one of the first 10 dentists in the world to use LANAP (Laser Assisted New Attachment Procedure).

LANAP kills bacteria in the mouth, minimizes discomfort, controls swelling and has faster healing than conventional scalpel surgery.

While some people have entrusted their care to corporate offices, Cranska has continued to offer a more personalized service, giving people dental health care that will help them for life.

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## **PBA Update**

Sandi Parrish



t's not too late to buy tickets to our annual scholarship fundraiser on March 2 at Kurtz's Beach from 7:00pm to 11:00pm. The Guys in Thin Ties band will be back to rock the night. We will award a prize for the best '80s costume.

Tickets are \$40 each until February 24, so hurry and purchase your tickets online or stop by Arundel Federal Savings Bank in Lakeshore Plaza or BB&T on Mountain Road. We hope to break last year's record and raise \$16,000 for scholarships for seniors at Northeast and Chesapeake high schools.

Please bring your friends and family to enjoy a great time. Be a sponsor for the event. You can be a sponsor even if you cannot attend. See our website for details about sponsor levels. Donate an item for our silent auction, which raised more than \$2,400. Tickets and sponsorships are now available online at www. pbafundraiser.com.

The PBA Scavenger Hunt is underway and game cards are due by February 28, so get yours and play for some great prizes. What a great way to get to know the many local businesses, service providers and nonprofit organizations! Look forward to valuable prizes, such as the grand prize: a fire pit, courtesy of Costello's Ace Hardware & Hearth in Lakeshore Plaza, filled with a bounty of gift cards and products. Other prizes include a treasure chest from Mutiny Pirate Bar & Island Grille, Ravens portable grill donated by M&T Bank, and gift cards from local restaurants and businesses. Every completed scavenger hunt form will have a chance to be entered into the drawing. The more correct answers, the better your chances.

Pick up your game piece/ form at one of the following pickup/dropoff sites: Ace Hardware & Hearth (4167 Mountain Road), Arundel Federal Savings Bank (4179 Mountain Road), Bay Vanguard (8070 Ritchie Highway), BB&T Bank (3030 Mountain Road), Calvert Veterinary Center (4100 Mountain Road), Century 21 Don Gurney Real Estate (3201 Mountain Road), Lauer's Supermarket & Bakery (8095-A Edwin Raynor Boulevard), M&T Bank (8493 Fort Smallwood Road), Riviera Beach Community Library (1130 Duvall Highway), The UPS Store Riviera Beach (8482 Fort Smallwood Road). Visit www.pasadenabusinessassociation.com and download the card.

Here are ways to find the answers

- Pick up a free Pasadena Business Association membership directory and community guide
- Look for "clues" when shopping local Visit local businesses and
- organizations · Visit businesses via
- their websites and social media pages Visit the PBA website

and Facebook page: www.

pasadenabusinessassociation.com • "Like" the Pasadena Business Association's Facebook page and watch for clues and prize updates. When the scavenger hunt form is completed, turn it in

at one of the above pickup/

drop-off locations. (Must be

21 or older to play and only

one entry per participant)

For more information, visit pasadenabusinessassociation.com or contact me at pasadenabusinessassociation1@verizon.net.

# **What To Do With Your Old 401Ks**

Jason LaBarge Planning Group



**T**ou've accepted a new job, congratulations! Li's all excitement and fun until you realize you have decisions to make regarding your 401K and confusion sets in. What do you do with your 401K?

Unfortunately, I've seen the old adage, "A confused mind does nothing" played out repeatedly in this scenario. It's not uncommon for someone changing jobs to have a 401K at the company they are leaving, and because they don't know their options, they just leave it there, which may or may not be the best option for them.

### WHEN MOVING TO A **NEW COMPANY, YOU HAVE FOUR OPTIONS** FOR DEALING WITH YOUR OLD 401K

- Keep it where it is with your old company (if they
- allow it). · Roll it into your new com-

pany's 401K plan (if they allow it).

• Roll it into an IRA.

• Cash it out (Hint – this is not a good option and no financial advisor worth their salt would recommend it.) Cashing out should be im-

mediately removed from your list of options to consider. If you decide to cash out and you're younger than 59 and a half, you'll pay a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. In addition, you'll have to pay federal and state income tax on that money. As if losing all that money to penal-

ties and taxes isn't enough reason to keep your money invested, your 401K interest growth will suffer and be much lower than if you had kept your full amount in your 401K account.

### KEEP YOUR 401K WITH YOUR OLD COMPANY OR ROLL IT INTO YOUR NEW COMPANY'S 401K

When you're changing jobs and starting a new 401K, a simple option is to roll your old 401K into your new 401K with your new company. » Continued on A11

# Servpro Of Pasadena Under New Ownership

By Dylan Roche

fter years of garnering a reputation for depend-**L**ability, the team behind Servpro of Annapolis/Severna north with the purchase of the

"I'm really excited about where this expansion can take We selected this area years ago but never had the opportunity

But that opportunity to move forward has finally

Edgewater/Deale/Churchton — serves most of Anne Arundel County.

Whittles, as she explained, "married into the business." When her husband, Mike, who founded the Severna Park location, passed away in 2012,

she found herself faced with a decision to sell the business or to get the training she needed to keep it going. With the support of Servpro's Tennessebased corporate headquarters, she got all the training she needed, and today, she

oversees all of Servpro's many operations: water and fire damage repair and restoration, storage, mold remediation, biohazard cleanup, and soda blasting.

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With its reputation for dependability and trustworthiness, the team at Servpro of Annapolis/Severna Park looks forward to expanding its reach into the Pasadena community.

Park is expanding its reach Pasadena/Gibson Island/Lake Shore location.

us," said owner Diane Whittles, who last year was hailed first runner-up by *Restoration* & Remediation magazine as a leading woman in restoration. "We have been able to help so many property owners and we have seen so much growth. to move forward with the purchase of Pasadena."

come. With this purchase, Whittles — who also owns

## Dr. Jeffrey Cranska Celebrates 40 Years

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"We look at your health, look at your medicines and any other medical concerns you might have and see how it all ties in," Cranska said. "We teach you how to clean your teeth and take care of your teeth. We show you how to use an electric toothbrush. Those are the things we do, but we can't do that in 15-minute cleanings."

Patients who visit early in life benefit the most. Cranska applies dental sealants to the molars of 6-year-olds and 12-year-olds, eliminating about 90 percent of decay. But even for new patients of any age, it's never too late to benefit from proper dental care.

Advances in dentistry have made that task easier throughout time, and Cranska has witnessed many other

changes both in technology and approach.

"When we started doing white fillings, we had one color and it didn't match anybody. You'd mix it like epoxy," Cranska said. "By the time you mixed it, you would incorporate air bubbles into it. After a couple months, it would always look brown because you would incorporate so many air bubbles trying to mix it.

"The stuff we use now is all mixed under vacuum," he added. "You put it on when it's putty and then you hit it with the light, and the laser light makes it hard in a couple seconds and then you can polish it."

What will the future look like for dentistry? Teaching the next wave of dentists is an important component of that

outlook, Cranska said. He routinely travels to the Institute for Advanced Laser Dentistry in California to educate other dentists about the technology and procedures of LANAP. As dentistry becomes more corporate, Cranska is determined to do things the right way, helping families on a path to lifelong dental care.

"I like my patients. It's almost like a big family," Cranska said. "Now the 40-year-olds are bringing their kids in. I've seen a lot of generations."

Family Laser Dentistry is accepting new patients. The dental practice is located in the Ritchie Court office building at 877 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard, Suite 305, in Severna Park. To learn more, call 410-975-9331 or visit *www*. cranska.com.

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You'll want to check with the 401K administrator to see if they allow this. A big advantage to doing this is that the transaction itself is free, you're consolidating accounts, and there's no management fee.

The disadvantage is that 401Ks are generally built for the younger worker, and most of the options inside the 401K are market-based and therefore have market risk. This is fine for a younger person, say 18 to 50 years old, but someone approaching retirement typically wants a more conservative option, which takes us to our next choice.

### **ROLL YOUR OLD** 401K INTO AN IRA

In most instances, I suggest you roll your old 401K into an IRA. I particularly recommend this if you have multiple old 401Ks floating around, because this will consolidate these accounts and make them easier to manage.

When you roll an old 401K into an IRA, it is called an IRA rollover. One of the biggest advantages to this option is that the transaction is completely tax-free; the money you roll into an IRA will not be taxed, which preserves your principal.

IRAs also offer more investment choices compared to the other options. As mentioned earlier, 401Ks generally have more marketbased options whereas an IRA usually offers a broader

array of investment choices to choose from. We can elect guaranteed interest rate investments, alternative investments, and in some instances, we can even elect bank CDs. In addition to these more conservative choices, you can also choose to elect any market-based investment as well, such as mutual funds, etc. If you are on the fence about what to do, you can also execute a "partial rollover." You would decide how much you want to roll into an IRA account and the rest of your balance would be left in your 401K.

What To Do With Your Old 401Ks

### **DIY Your IRA**

Many Generation Xers, and more and more Baby Boomers, are "do it yourselfers." As a result, companies offering IRAs are catering to this market. Low cost, self-managed IRAs are proliferating. These are used for people who want to manage their money themselves. The transaction is tax-free and the funds are allocated in the manner that you, the account holder, choose.

There are a few disadvantages to rolling your IRA. An IRA rollover can come with fees. This is not because the IRA itself comes with a fee, but because when you roll to an IRA, it's usually done with a financial advisor, and the financial advisor will charge a fee to do this. Also, an IRA comes with the required minimum distribution, or RMD, rules. These rules require a person to

take withdrawals from their traditional IRAs once they hit 70 and a half. It's important to note that 401Ks can also be subject to RMDs, so you may want to check with your tax advisor about your specific situation.

### **DECIDING WHAT TO DO** WITH YOUR OLD 401K

Before you embark on making any of these decisions, it's best to decide what your retirement goals are and find a financial professional who can assess your particular situation and help you make the best decisions for you. A professional can create an investment strategy to help you reach those goals, and part of that strategy is deciding how best to use your old 401Ks. The "confused mind strategy" is NOT a winning game plan, and by proactively considering your options, you will start to feel more confident in your choices and know which option to choose.

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## Servpro New Ownership

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for about a year before coming to fruition. Whittles would also like to open a second location in Pasadena and hire about 10 more people to serve the area. "I think it will be good for the community, in particular, that Mountain Road area."

Servpro's community service extends beyond its 24-7 business operations to remediate disaster for its customers. Whittles and her team are active philanthropists, undertaking everything from American Red Cross blood drives to lunch deliveries for first-responders. "Our business has been blessed with wonderful customers and appreciates the support we have been given throughout

the community," Whittles said. "We like to show that gratitude by giving back to the community in different ways. We have sponsored countless chamber events, school programs, food banks, U.S. Naval Academy alumni, Anne Arundel Medical Center and Hospice of the Chesapeake and colorectal cancer."

To learn more about Servpro's services and credentials, visit the franchise's website at www.servpropasadena. *com*. Those with an emergency can call 410-255-1110.

"Our mission is truly to help people and businesses recover after what is often a very unpleasant event," Whittles concluded. "I look forward to being able to do that in Pasadena as well."

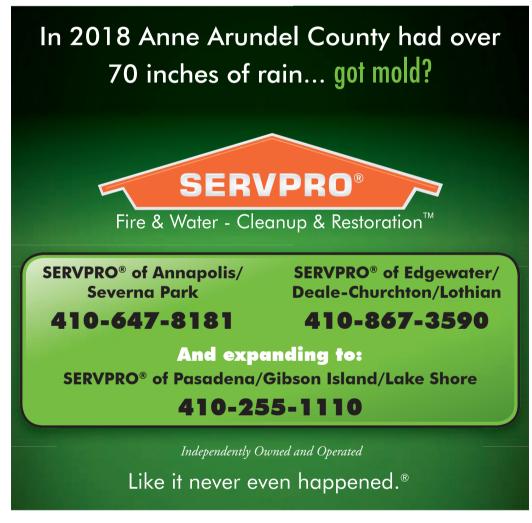
## **UPS** Store

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tions year-round for the Toys for Tots Literacy Program, which provides disadvantaged children with access to books and educational resources to help enhance their literacy abilities.

"Being a small business within the community, that's another avenue of putting your name out there and what you offer," Garver said. "I think it's key to give back to the community because what you give to whatever community, you get back ten-times-fold."

The UPS Store is located in Lakeshore Plaza at 4157 Mountain Road in Pasadena. For more information, call 410-437-9286 or visit www. theupsstore.com.



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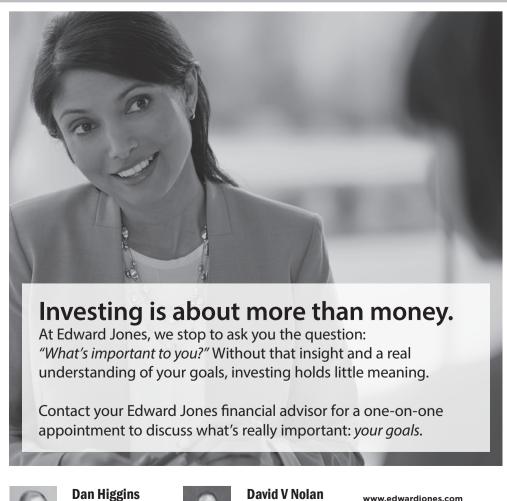
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# Chesapeake Cheerleaders Are Winter State Champs

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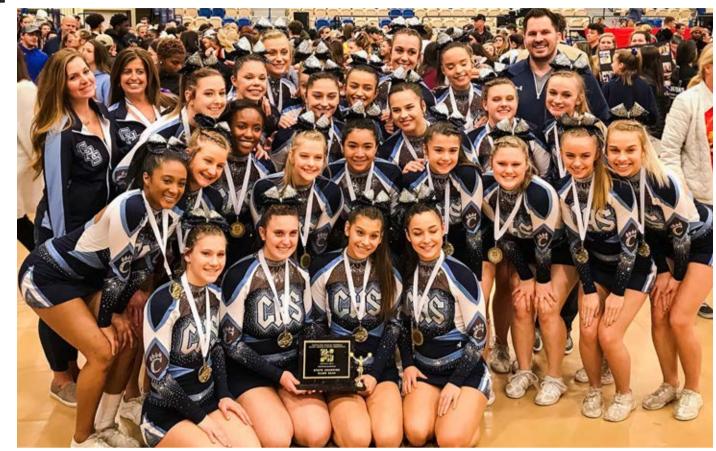
**By Colin Murphy** colin@pasadenavoice.com

erfect year. That's what the Chesapeake cheerleading team completed on February 13, when the Cougars delivered a near-flawless routine to score a 126.2 and beat 20 teams to win the state championship at Harford Community College.

Just like they did in the fall of 2018, the Cougars swept the postseason this winter, winning county, region and state titles to cap a perfect sweep of varsity competition this school year.

The performance at Harford Community College in the state championship meet combined an array of complicated stunts, synchronized movements and high-energy acrobatics, all delivered with almost perfect precision.

"Lots of practice, that's the key to getting 24 people to look like one, which is the goal," said Chesapeake head coach **Lisa Elliott**. "The bigger the team is, the more challenging it can be, but our kids just click. It comes back to many of them starting in the young ranks together, to where they know how to complement



The Cougars scored a 126.2 out of 130 to beat 20 teams for the state crown at Harford Community College on February 13. Chesapeake swept the county, region and state championships in both the fall and winter seasons this school year.

each other as they're growing. Then, we just work really hard at highlighting everyone's strengths."

The team of **Ashley** Brewis, Amber Brisbane, Jessica Dixon, Sierra Finnerty, Makayla Frommelt, Maddie Gray, Isabelle Hann,

Kelli Hawkins, Shaylah Hunt, Briana Krammer, Emma McNamara, Kennedy McNulty, Avianna Negron, Julia Nicoli, Lindsey Petersen, Mackenzie Porter, Liley Simmons, Rachel Snyder, Ethena Stallings, Haley Steele,

Skylar Storm, Faith Todd, Carlie Wilkins and Savannah Wright, coached by Elliott, Joe Vecchioni and Nicki Abey, brings together girls in all grade levels for the latest iteration of Chesapeake cheerleading excellence. The state title is the Cougars'

record 13th all-time, and Chesapeake also has 17 county championships and 15 region championships, both records. Petersen and Finnerty, senior captains, have won five state championships in their high school careers.

After winning

They work for it. Nothing gets handed to them. They work

hard to earn every single title they have. So we're definitely super proud."

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county, region and state championships this past fall, the Cougars retained all three titles by improving as the season went, scoring a 122 to win the winter county championship, 125.9 to win the region and 126.2 at states.

"As a team, I think we performed very strong," said Nicoli, a sophomore. "We practice and work on our weaknesses. In the state performance, we really perfected our weaknesses ... Coach Lisa and our coaches are a really big part of our program for making us the best program that we are, and they are a really big part of our success."

Storm, a junior, said the team's members offer constant encouragement to each other to perform freely » Continued on B5

## Cougar Boys Get Past Eagles In OT, 61-58



Photo by Colin Murphy

Chesapeake's Alonzo Wilkes was a force in every aspect against Northeast, registering a triple-double with 15 points, 10 rebounds and 11 blocks in helping the Cougars to an overtime win on February 8.

By Colin Murphy colin@pasadenavoice.com

'n early January, the Northeast and Chesapeake boys basketball teams produced a thriller in the first leg of their homeand-home when Jaylin Albury's buzzer-beater lifted the Eagles to a last-second win on the road.

In the rematch, the Cougars were the ones celebrating a nail-biting win on their rivals' home court.

Powered by the rare statistical feat of a tripledouble by center **Alonzo Wilkes** — who piled up 15 points, 10 rebounds and 11 blocks — the Cougars overcame a 12-point, second-half deficit to prevail in overtime, 61-58, in a hotly contested matchup in front of a packed house at Northeast High School on February 8.

Russell Tongue's 23 points, 5 rebounds and 2 steals; **Dylan Young**'s 10 points and 7 assists;

key overtime points by Kareem Francis and clutch free-throw shooting by **Reed Rebstock** helped push Chesapeake past their rivals and improve to 7-12 on the year.

No one had a bigger impact than Wilkes, the 6-foot-5 junior who was in the middle of every play on both ends of the floor.

"It feels good. Last time I didn't play good, so this time I knew I had to step up and make the plays," said Wilkes, who also had 2 assists and 2 steals. "We were thinking about last game and how we went down 17-0, and we were saying we can't let that happen again, so we had to come out and win."

Though Chesapeake

sought to avoid an early hole, the Eagles initially did in the rematch much of what they did in the first meeting. Eight firstquarter points by Brennen Volkman and a 3-pointer by **Brandon LeBarron** helped get Northeast out to a 15-6 lead early as the Eagles employed a fullcourt press to disrupt Chesapeake's flow on the offensive end. Volkmann finished with 12 points and 7 rebounds, and LeBarron also scored 12.

'We came out aggressive. We sped 'em up, and they were dealing with our press and not finishing, so we were getting what we wanted out of that," said Northeast coach Roger O'Dea.

Albury scored 6 points in the first quarter and 10 of his game-high 27 in the second, finishing on array of drives, scoop shots and mid-range pull-ups as Northeast maintained a 33-25 lead heading into the halftime break.

A bucket by **Keishon Thomas** gave Northeast its biggest lead of the night » Continued on B2

# Northeast Girls Score Win Over Chesapeake, 45-43



The Northeast girls basketball players made their school proud with a 45-43 win over Chesapeake on February 8. The Eagles (12-7) are having their best season in 15 years.

**By Colin Murphy** colin@pasadenavoice.com

**T**he Northeast girls basketball team has had a Chesapeake problem in recent seasons. The Eagles' last win over the Cougars came way back in January 2014, when Northeast christened its then-new gymnasium by beating the Cougars 37-24 in the first varsity game on the new court. It's been all Chesapeake since.

Until February 8, that is, when the Eagles reanimated the rivalry anew.

Northeast employed a barrage of 3-pointers and a suffocating team defense to build a big lead and ultimately hold off a secondhalf Chesapeake rally, punctuating their season with a signature win over

their visiting rivals, 45-43.

Senior Divine Benson led Northeast's effort with 15 points and 8 rebounds while fronting a defensive unit that powered the Eagles (12-7) to knock off Chesapeake (14-4) and create an all-time memory in front of a spirited Friday-night home crowd.

"It's big, it's really huge. All four years I've been here, we've never beaten Chesapeake, so having that accomplishment is just a great feeling," said Benson. "To walk out as a senior and just be happy, that was my goal, to beat Chesapeake my senior year, and we stayed together as a team and accomplished that goal."

Despite losing to Chesapeake 60-29 back on January 4, Northeast seemed unfazed and not intimidated to start the rematch. Benson

drained a rainbow 3-pointer on the game's opening possession, then answered a 3-pointer by Chesapeake's **Haley Downin** with another 3. Northeast's Mackenzie **Coburn** made her first of three 3-pointers on the day and closed the quarter by blocking Summer Smith's shot attempt, and the score was tied at 11-11 after eight minutes.

Their confidence established, the Eagles continued forcing the pace in the second quarter. Coburn opened the period with a 3, and Allyson Wills made a steal and went coast to coast for a tough finish on the run. Benson screamed and pumped her fists after muscling for a layup and the foul. Her and-one free throw gave Northeast a 23-14 » Continued on B4

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## **Bucs Boys Stack Up Wins**





Photos courtesy of Jaime Hurst

A pair of Bucs boys basketball teams have excelled in county competition this winter. The 13U Bucs boys (top) finished 9-1 overall to place first in their division in Anne Arundel County. The team was powered by the play of George Johnson, Shamar Johnson, Will McMinn, David Fish, Dominick Hunt, Scott Williams, Hayden Johnson and Larry Hurst. The 11U Bucs (bottom) are 9-1 through 10 games, led by the play of Ross McMinn, Anthony Sheehan, Ryan Williams, Matthew Hieatzman, Gavin Wilson, Dylan Fish, Declan McClure and Whit Watkins. Both teams are coached by Dave Fish. "The boys have practiced extremely hard this season and it shows on the court," said Fish. "These boys have grown over the years and have demonstrated great teamwork."





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## Cougar Boys Get Past Eagles In OT, 61-58

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early in the third quarter, when they led Chesapeake 41-29. Thomas had 4 points and 5 rebounds.

Playing in a rowdy Friday night environment and shooting at the end of the floor where Northeast's students were seated, the Cougars began chipping away at the lead.

Tongue slashed to the hoop for a pair of buckets, Wilkes scored on an offensive rebound, and Tongue closed the quarter with a 3 from the corner, the Northeast students in his ear, to end the period on a 9-0 Chesapeake run with Northeast leading 41-38.

After a rebound and layup by Tongue and another basket by Wilkes, Chesapeake had its first lead of the game at 44-43 with 3:48 left in the game.

Out of a time out,
Northeast executed an
alley-oop play with **Trent McNeill** lofting a pass
to Thomas, but Thomas'
tomahawk dunk attempt
rattled out — the play
would have given Northeast
a one-point lead and
brought the house down.

Instead, Tongue hit his third 3-pointer of the game to put his side up 47-43 with just over two minutes remaining.

Tongue said the Cougars were unfazed by the loud cheering of the Northeast's students.

"It feels like everything's against you, and you just block it all out so it sounds like you're playing against crickets," Tongue said. "We had to ball out."

LeBarron drained a corner 3-pointer to regain

the lead for his side at 48-47, but Wilkes corralled a miss by Rebstock and scored to make it 49-48. Chesapeake stretched its lead to 50-48 with a free throw, and the teams traded fouls in a disjointed sequence over the last 17 seconds that saw Albury and LeBarron go a combined 2-of-4 from the free throw line to tie the game at 50-50 and send the game to overtime.

In the extra frame, Francis came up big for Chesapeake, scoring on a drive, drawing a charge and making two free throws. Young hit a big 3 to give Chesapeake a 57-53 lead, and Rebstock made four free throws in a row to keep the Eagles at bay. Baskets by McNeill and Albury drew Northeast to within three by the closing seconds, but the Eagles couldn't get a clean look for a tying 3, and Chesapeake won 61-58.

Albury finished with a game-high 27 points to go with 8 steals, 6 assists and 5 rebounds.

Chesapeake coach **Shawn Rebstock** spoke proudly of the Cougars' turnaround after trailing by double digits in the second half.

"These players, both sides, played their hearts out tonight, and that's what you get," said Rebstock.
"Our kids responded. Tough environment to play, we went down early, couldn't buy a bucket early in the game, but they battled back. They've done it all year long. I'm really proud of these guys."

O'Dea knows his squad can beat the Cougars — after all, they did it in

January — but said the rivalry doesn't care about history or discrepancies in talent or depth.

"We knew it was going to be close," said O'Dea. "I told my players, I know we have more talent, but talent don't matter in this game. This game's about who's going to have more heart, more soul, more passion, more focus. That's what this game was about."

The Cougars and Eagles are positioned as the Nos. 3 and 4 seeds in the 3A East Region playoffs, so a playoff rematch could happen with first-round victories over likely 1 and 2 seeds J.M. Bennett and Stephen Decatur.

Rebstock was happy to see the Cougars' effort deliver a win, particularly after recent overtime losses to Southern and Glen Burnie.

"These kids just battle every night," Rebstock said. "They give me everything they have."

### WILKES' STAR RISING

Rebstock said Wilkes has averaged a double-double in the new year, and he spoke highly of the junior's work ethic and his success in recent weeks.

"[Alonzo] is just one of the best kids I've been around," said Rebstock.
"I've been fortunate enough to coach a lot of sports, and the last six weeks, something has clicked with Alonzo. It just shows, when he wants to like he has the past six weeks, he can really dominate a basketball game. I can't be happier for him because he's such a great kid."



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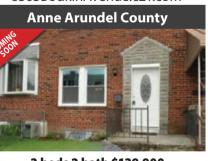
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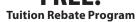


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## Northeast Girls Score Memorable Win Over Chesapeake, 45-43

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Any intentions Chesapeake had of stemming the tide were quickly run over by the Eagles out of the halftime break. Coburn hit another 3, Wills made a short jumper, Benson slashed to the bucket for a layup, and senior Ryleigh Nalley swished a 3 from the wing. Three minutes into the second half, Northeast had a 19-point

lead with the score at 33-14. Coburn, a sophomore, finished with 15 points, 6 rebounds and 3 blocks, and 9 of her points came on no-hesitation bombs from behind the arc.

"I just keep my head up, keep passing, pass the ball around, get it back and keep shooting," said Coburn.

The Eagles' surge was buoyed by their defense. Benson relentlessly shadowed and denied Downin, Chesapeake's normally potent offensive threat, limiting her touches and attempts and holding her to just 9 points. Nalley, Coburn, and Wills played excellent perimeter defense while Caroline Makarovich and Alyssa Borgert communicated effectively to clog up the lane, battle for rebounds and help defend on Chesapeake's **Corinne** Castle and Morgan Gray. Northeast's Alia Esposito

and Carrie Hartzell played spot minutes to fortify the defense.

Makarovich said the defensive communication with Borgert and Benson to neutralize Chesapeake's size inside was key.

'Very important on them, they have those two big girls, and we've got to make sure the one side is on the ball and the other side is on help, so it was great we had the movement with each other and were working together."

Northeast coach **Ed Nalley** praised the defense but also knew Chesapeake wasn't going to roll over despite a big deficit. "They were great defensively, our bigs," said Nalley. "We are undersized for sure, but they didn't give up. They battled. Great team defense ... I told them when we went up, 'They're going to come back, they're going to punch back, we just have to keep fighting and battling through it."

Chesapeake finally got some shots to start falling. Castle and Gray repeatedly powered inside for layups over the next five minutes, stringing together a 16-2 run that whittled Northeast's lead to 35-29 by the end of the third.

The Cougars tied the game 35-35 in the fourth quarter behind baskets by Downin, Gray and Ashley Chew and





Photos by Colin Murphy

Northeast seniors Divine Benson (32) and Ryleigh Nalley led a long-distance attack against Chesapeake. Benson, Nalley and Mackenzie Coburn combined for six 3-pointers as the Eagles got their first win in the rivalry since the 2013-2014 season.

managed to take their first lead since it was 9-8 in the first quarter when Downin

Having lost the 19-point lead, Northeast regrouped to finish the job. Nalley made a layup and was fouled, and she assisted on a score by Wills for a 43-40 lead. Castle answered with a layup, but Benson fed Coburn

made a free throw to make it

40-39 with 4:07 to play.

with a nice pass inside to make it 45-42.

There were still two minutes to play, but both teams made defensive stands and missed free throws in the closing minutes. A jump ball was called in Chesapeake's favor with 4.9 seconds left, but Downin's heave at the buzzer was off the mark, and the Eagles rushed to embrace one

another in victory.

"I'm really happy right now, a lot of adrenaline," said Ryleigh Nalley, flushed with excitement after the game. "I've never been more proud of our team. It's awesome. I've been waiting for this for four years. I can't even explain how happy I am. I was nervous and freaking out before the game, but I trust my teammates."

Chesapeake coach Maria **Gray** noted erratic officiating that affected both teams but, more to the point, lamented uncharacteristically poor shooting by the Cougars from both the floor and the free-throw line. Chesapeake averages 60 percent from the free-throw line but was an abysmal 8-of-29 (27.5 percent) against Northeast.

"Like I told the girls, we can't let a poorly officiated game dictate the game," said Gray. "We left opportunities on the table that we need to capitalize on. We missed so many shots in that first half. We shoot free throws at practice and take pride in it. I was proud of our effort in the second half. We dug ourselves an uncharacteristic hole in the first half."

Castle finished with 15 points and 18 rebounds, and Morgan Gray had 8 points and 19 rebounds for the Cougars.

"Our posts really stepped

up in the second half when we needed them to," said coach Gray. "But we need to make the shots we need to make in the first half so we don't get ourselves into a position where we're behind in the second half."

The Eagles' 12th victory gives the program its best season in 15 years and a huge win increase over the previous seasons. The Eagles had just eight wins combined in the three seasons prior to 2018-2019, and Wills said the group came into this year with a renewed outlook.

"I think this year was a new mentality, and we all came in strong," said Wills, a junior. "We are like a family. We are so close. Out bench was so live. It was everybody. It was a team effort. It isn't just one person. We all work together, and we have good team chemistry, and I think that helps our record."

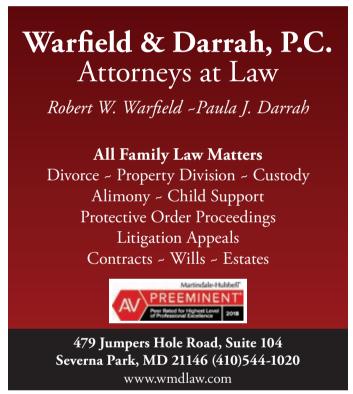
Coach Nalley said the winning record and the rivalry victory make the season successful no matter what happens from here on out.

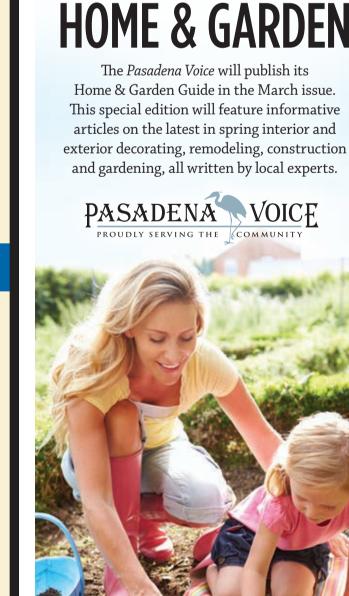
With the win over Chesapeake, the Eagles proved their heart.

'The key to this game for us was our hearts," he said. "They showed tons of heart when we could have quit, and we didn't. I am happy for the girls. It means a lot to them."





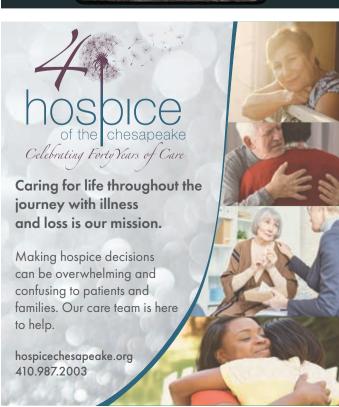




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"We just let everyone know that if something little happens to go even harder and make it look it better and just forget about what happened, and mainly to just have each other's backs," she said.

Krammer, a freshman, said she's been impressed by everyone in the program supporting each other.

What jumps out to me the most was how everybody was so welcoming and understanding and willing to help. If you ever need anything, they're always there for you, and you can talk to them about anything," said Krammer. "It was a really good feeling to know that you were part of such an amazing program, and winning it feels even better."

Chesapeake athletic director **Chip Snyder** spoke proudly of the sustained success of Chesapeake cheerleading through the years. The team swept county, region and state championships in both the fall and winter seasons from 2008 to 2011, and then saw the "Chesapeake effect" raise the level for other programs seeking to emulate and replicate the Cougars' success.

'[Other schools] have had their runs, but the one thing that stays constant is Chesapeake cheerleading," said Snyder, adding that Elliott's passion and involvement with the kids - everything from leading the Panthers program to making sure kids stay on top of their schoolwork to organizing events and

fundraisers — has kept the program at the top of Maryland.

"The main reason we've been so good for so long is Lisa is constantly trying to make us better," he said. "She could have easily sat back with two titles, three titles, and said, 'Hey this is great, we won.' But she's an innovator. She loves the family atmosphere. The kids respect the hell out of her. It is a family event. She is so involved with all their lives. She is hands-on with the whole program. It's amazing, the time and energy she puts in. It's her passion.'

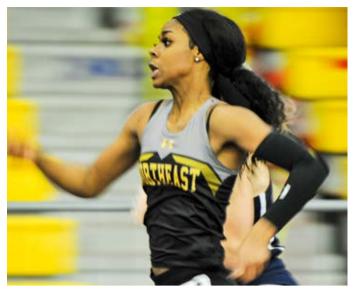
Elliott, who founded the Panthers cheerleading program in 1999, said the girls coming up have made the program what it is, despite the perception outside school that somehow winning comes easy for Chesapeake.

"We hear, 'Oh, they always win, this always happens for Chesapeake,' but it doesn't feel like that when you're in it," said Elliott. "They work for it. Nothing gets handed to them. They work hard to earn every single title they have. So we're definitely super proud."

She added that the girls maintain standards of excellence on and off the mat.

'These kids are awesome in every aspect," said Elliott. "It's far beyond cheerleading. They're great students. They're great volunteers in the community. They're just package-deal kind of kids. I think that feeds into the success the program has, because they're such a tight unit as people."

## 'Dena T&F Athletes Shine At Counties





Christal Pommels (55 meter dash) and Josh Krcik (55 hurdles) both claimed county titles for Northeast at the Anne Arundel County championship meet on January 22.

Northeast's Pommels, Krcik Win Individual Titles

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**By Colin Murphy** colin@pasadenavoice.com

Pasadena's track and field athletes made their presence felt at the **Anne Arundel County** indoor championships on January 22, with the Eagles and Cougars both producing a handful of scoring performances at Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex and the Eagles producing a pair of individual champs.

Chesapeake's boys came in fifth in an extremely competitive team field, and the Cougar girls placed sixth. Northeast's girls placed eighth, and the Eagle boys finished 10th; Severna Park's girls and South River's boys both claimed

county championships for the third straight season.

Highlights of the day came from a pair of county champions in Northeast's Josh Krcik and Christal Pommells, and the Northeast girls winning 4x200 relay team of Somorha Smith, Kamryn Johnson, Kiersten Lamke and Pommells.

Pommells, a sophomore, holds the fastest-girl-in-thecounty honor this winter after winning the 55 meter dash in 7.49 seconds.

"It feel really great, you know, because I go to practice and put the hard work in, a lot of work with my coaches, and it feel nice that I went out there and put my skills to work," said Pommells, who was also runner-up in the 300 and was a member of Northeast's 4x200 relay team. "I just feel really blessed to come out here

and be the champ."

She said the camaraderie of the Eagles is a factor in their success on race day.

"It feels nice, we all bring the good vibes to practice, help each other, make sure we're all on our best, tell us 'don't stress in the relay.' Good confidence."

Krcik, a senior, ran the 55 hurdles in 8.24 seconds, winning the individual county crown by leading from the first hurdle after getting a great start off the block. He accounted for all of Northeast's 10 team points and also was a member of Northeast's 4x200 relay team that included Riley Pitt,

**Myles Macon**; the team won the race on the track but subsequently suffered a disqualification due to a handoff violation. In addition to Pommells'

Carlton McClain and

scoring events and the

Eagles' winning 4x200 team, Johnson placed third in the 55 dash for the Eagles to account for their 34 team points.

Leading the way for the Chesapeake boys was John Yayi-Bondje, who placed third in the 500 meter dash with a strong time of 1:10.22 and fifth in the 800 for a combined 10 of his team's 32 total points. Colton Spangler placed second in high jump, clearing 6 feet and banking eight team points. Hunter **Davis** placed sixth in the 300 meter dash. Garrett **Bivens** earned three points in a stacked 1600 field by placing sixth in 4:45.83.

For the Cougar girls,

Maria Hrytsyshyna narrowly missed becoming county champion in high jump, clearing 4 feet, 8 inches to come in as runner-up to Arundel's Nina Crenshaw (4 feet, 10 inches). Alexis Myers took third in pole vault, clearing 7 feet, 6 inches, and Elizabeth Beraducci placed sixth. Sarah Cuttler placed third in shot put, throwing 30 feet, 0.75 inches. Sam Leo and Brooke Hurst placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 500, one of the deepest and most competitive events of the night, won by South River's Bronwyn Patterson. Leo also placed fifth in triple jump, leaping 32 feet. Bailey Healy continued her precocious freshman athletic year by earning a spot in the 1600 final and placing seventh in 5:37.60, a full four seconds faster than her seed time of 5:41.82.



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## **SCHOOL & YOUTH**

# Lake Shore Student Is New Chick-fil-A **Kid Correspondent** Morning News Lake Shore Elementary

student Daniel Cox, 10, is

one of 12 kids selected to

film a Chick-fil-A kids

correspondent public

service announcement

that will air on Fox45.

process didn't bother Dan-

iel. As a choir member and

drummer, Daniel is used

to auditioning and being

in front of audiences. For

his audition, Daniel had to give a 30-second report on

why he wanted to be a kid

a lot of traveling," Daniel

said. "I've almost been to

all the states in the United

States, and I'm always look-

ing for new places to go and

Leigh Catterton, an arts

and humanities teacher at

helped Daniel prepare for

"She helped me with how

Lake Shore Elementary,

to say things and confi-

dence when I'm talking,"

iel as witty and curious.

Daniel said. "She told me to

Catterton described Dan-

"When I learned of this

opportunity for Daniel to

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adventures — and I ask a

"I told them I have done

correspondent.

lot of questions."

his audition.

smile a lot."

### By Maya Pottiger

eporting live from Annapolis is Daniel Cox, one of the newest Chick-fil-A kids correspondents.

Daniel, a 10-year-old student at Lake Shore Elementary, is one of 12 kids selected to film a Chick-fil-A kids correspondent public service announcement that will air on Fox45.

First, Daniel was selected from a random drawing to be one of the roughly 40 kids to audition. After a successful audition, Daniel was one of the 12 picked to record a PSA.

"I was really, really, really happy because me and my brother entered, and my brother didn't make it through the drawing," Daniel said. "I was even happy then, but I still had to get through the auditions then."

Though it can be daunting for some, the audition

I'm really glad I participated. Although we were goofing around in a pool, we were also helping an important cause at the same time. This community loves to give back."

> McKenna Sparks NHS SENIOR

### By Ally Fisher and Judy Tacyn

'n January, 12 Anne Arundel swim teams made waves to fight cancer. Chesapeake and Northeast put aside their rivalry to team up with Glen Burnie, Meade, North County, and Old Mill at North Arundel Aquatic Center for one of two events benefitting Swim Across America, a nonprofit organization that fundraises for cancer research.

Before the swim meet, the Cougars and Eagles worked hard to collect money. "We got a lot of support by asking family and friends," said Chesapeake's swimming head coach, Brian Nelson.

Northeast held a successful Chick-fil-A night, with all money going to Swim Across America. Collectively, the 12 schools raised \$17,554. The Annapolis Panthers led the way with more than \$7,319.

Old Mill High School senior Mia D'Antoni organized the event because she lost her grandfather to cancer. Last year, D'Antoni approached her swim coach, Ellen Hays, about raising money for cancer research. Hays, who has connections with Swim Across America, liked the idea and the duo introduced the idea to the Old Mill team. This year, D'Antoni » Continued on B7

## Dena Swim Teams Participate In Swim Across America



Above: Northeast swimmers held a Chick-fil-A night to fundraiser for their swim, which was held in January at North Arundel Aquatic Center. Below: Chesapeake swimmers solicited help from family and friends to make their AACPS Swims for a Cure a success.



# **Joshua Webster Nominated** For Innovator Award

### By Maya Pottiger

**¬**ort Smallwood Elemen-and Society teacher Joshua Webster is in a unique position. He teaches students starting in pre-K and continues through fifth grade, so he gets to watch them grow.

The best thing is when the kids remember projects that we've done previously, and they make the connections for a new project," Webster

said. "It's nice because it means they're retaining it, which is often hard in education: trying to get the kids to retain information for the duration. I get to see them take things and use it consecutively.

In Webster's classroom, learning is hands-on and project-based. His classroom is any child's dream, full of Legos, sewing machines and other tools for students to carry out their wildest inventions.

Webster always encourages his students to "try it." 'That's my biggest innova-

tion. I think that's the biggest thing with the kids is they



Fort Smallwood Elementary teacher Joshua Webster has been nominated for the Henry Ford Innovation Nation Teacher Innovator Award.

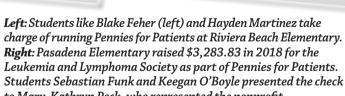
know that they can try the things that are off the wall or typically they'd never be able to do, within reason," Webster said. "Many of them do fail, but at least they know they can try and the worst that can happen is something doesn't work."

Webster has been nominated for The Henry Ford Innovation Nation Teacher Innovator Award. The national award recognizes teachers across America who demonstrate the habits of an innovator: inspire their students to challenge the rules and take risks, demonstrate how to be collaborative and empathetic, and teach the value of learning from staying curious and learning from failure.

"I feel important because I'm changing the minds of young kids, looking at things differently than beating something over and over with something that isn't working," Webster said. "I like to think that I'm more of the fun teacher, that kids like to come in and build and create and » Continued on B9

# Pasadena Schools Try To Change The World One Penny At A Time





### By Dave Topp

ee a penny on the ground, pick it up. Find a nickel in your pocket, hang on to it. Notice a quarter between the couch cushions, make sure to save it.

Students at Pasadena Elementary and Riviera Beach elementary schools are looking for all the loose change they can find to support the Pennies for Patients program.

"By collecting change, you help the sick kids and adults," said Blake Feher, a fourthgrader at Riviera Beach Elementary school. "You can help hospitals all over the world."

Pennies for Patients, organized by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, provides elementary and middle school students an opportunity to fundraise for blood cancer research. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's largest nonprofit health organization dedicated to finding » Continued on B9

to Mary-Kathryn Peck, who represented the nonprofit.

## CHS Celebrates Black Heritage Day With Lively Discussion

By Zach Sparks zach@pasadenavoice.com

e must live together as brothers or perish together as fools." — Dr. Martin Lu-

ther King Jr. Chesapeake High School students of all races and religions put away their textbooks on February 7 and engaged in a lively discussion about black heritage and equality, both within the context of history and within the halls of the Pasadena institution.

The history of black music, schools and literature was covered by guests Demetrius





Left: Chesapeake High science teacher Debora Gaskins told students how she grew up in Savannah, Georgia, during the '60s when schools were segregated. Right: Thornell Jones of Coming to the Table talked about misconceptions people have about race.

Diakhate, Tony and Vivian Spencer, and the Rev. Jay Offer, Chesapeake's community ambassador. Sergeant Sean Chase shared tales of the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of black pilots who fought in World War II. A mixed panel of students improving race relations. Performance coach and student mentor Aziz Abdur-Ra'oof compared the teamwork displayed by the recent region champion Chesapeake cheerleading team to the schoolwide effort needed for everyone to get along. Science teacher Debora

and adults debated ways of

Gaskins talked about growing up in Savannah, Georgia, when schools were segregated in the '60s. She said other students asked her whether she could wash the color off her face or if she could change colors.

"By the time we got to sev-» Continued on B7

## Dena Participate In Swim Across America

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wanted to do even more.
After coordinating
logistics with Clayton Kulp
and Krissy Albright from
the Anne Arundel County
Public Schools Office of Athletics, and Cheryl Hickox,
Swim Across America
volunteer event director,
and making a pitch to all
12 county high school swim
coaches, AACPS Swims for a

Cure was planned.
Annapolis, Arundel,
Broadneck, Severna Park,
Southern and South
River high schools met on
January 22 at the Arundel
Olympic Swim Center in
Annapolis; Chesapeake,
Glen Burnie, Meade, Old

Mill, North County and Northeast high schools met on January 15 at the North Arundel Aquatic Center in Glen Burnie. The events were part of the first Anne Arundel County Swims for a Cure. Craig Beardsley, a 1980 Olympian, attended the events to share his gold medals and offer swim clinics with the teen swimmers.

"It was really cool when we got to wear his medals," shared Northeast senior Kendall Boyd. Beardsley works with Swim Across America by using his passion to give back to a cause that hits close to home; his mother has battled cancer.

The day was certainly fun,

with teams taking pictures, swimming, getting their own swim caps as well as their own fake tattoos. The experience was just as beneficial as it was fun, when everyone came together to start off the event with a talk about the purpose of Swim Across America and cancer research.

"I would definitely do something like this again," explained Northeast senior McKenna Sparks. "I'm really glad I participated. Although we were goofing around in a pool, we were also helping an important cause at the same time. This community loves to give back."

## **Ribbon Cutting**

# Monsignor Slade Dedicates Monsignor Slade Dedicates



Monsignor Slade Catholic School recently gathered a group of staff and supporters to celebrate the opening of its new Discovery Zone, an interactive and exploratory classroom where children can use their sense for hands-on discovery in the areas of science, math, music and art information. During the dedication ceremony, Delegate Mark Chang presented Principal Alexa Cox with an official citation from the Maryland General Assembly recognizing the grand opening and dedication of the Discovery Zone.

## Chesapeake High School Celebrates Black Heritage Day With Lively Discussion

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enth grade, my school was so bad in the integration that the National Guard came in and we were escorted from class to class by green berets carrying an AK47," she said.

"We called ourselves the Jumpout Gang when we got off the school bus because what they did was — the parents, everybody didn't want us there — rocks, bottles, eggs, tomatoes were thrown at us," she said. "I'm in seventh grade. We called ourselves the Jumpout Gang because we stood at the school bus and when the doors opened, they pushed you out

swinging because that was the only way you were going to make it through to get to the school. So today, I live the dream Dr. King talked about because when I come to school every day or to work, as an African-American woman who lived that, I now teach diverse students. I see students of every color."

Continuing the conversation of unity were Lynda Davis and Thornell Jones of the Annapolis affiliate of Coming to the Table, an organization that provides leadership, resources, and a supportive environment for all who wish to

acknowledge and heal wounds from racism.

"None of us are racist,"
Jones said. "We really don't
understand when we step on
somebody. That's what we're
talking about here: unconscious bias."

Davis and Jones asked for volunteers, black and white, to join them in a circle so they could share their feelings and experiences. After the panel discussion, Davis said the Coming to the Table approach is effective because it encourages compassion.

"When they take turns and speak, each person has a chance to think about what they want to say and it's not anybody just reacting to what somebody just said," noted Davis, who graduated from Chesapeake in 1984. "You take your turn, you take your time. It's a very mindful way of speaking, and also you can pass and then also you can reflect on something to add. It's an equalizing process so that everyone in the circle is equal and then you're hearing from people's personal experiences.

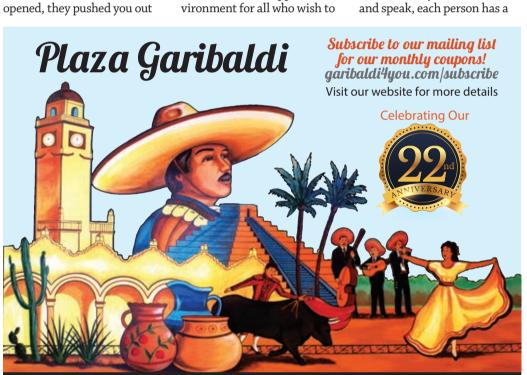
It really touches your heart."
To bridge the race gap,

Jones leads monthly Coming to the Table conversations at Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis. He wanted to share this knowledge with the younger generation.

"I just want to help kids have a decent understanding about things they think they know," he said, "because I can tell you about all the things I thought I knew and I'm still learning and I'm 81."

While some of the day's discussion centered on the past, Offer emphasized the bright outlook he sees for the future if everyone can learn to express empathy and live together as brothers and sisters.

"There's a lot of work to be done, but all of the work doesn't belong you as a non-minority and all the work doesn't belong to me as a minority," Offer said. "There's work we have to do together and that's what I'm learning as we have this conversation. We have to have patience with each other, patience with ourselves, forgiveness for each other and forgiveness for ourselves."



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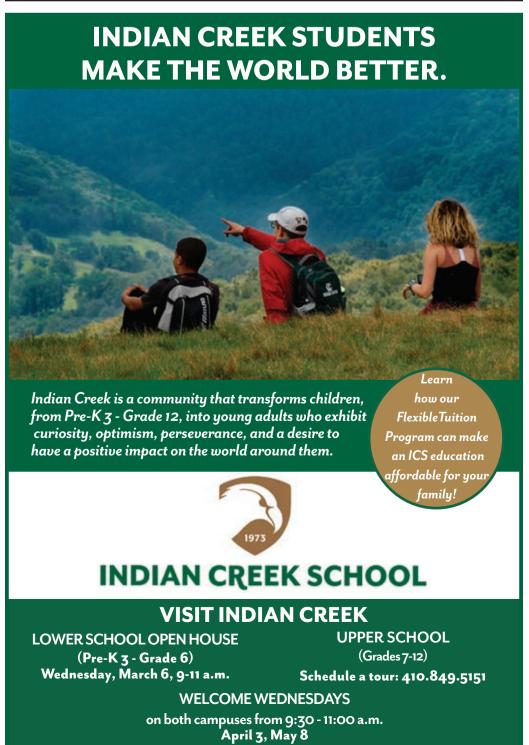




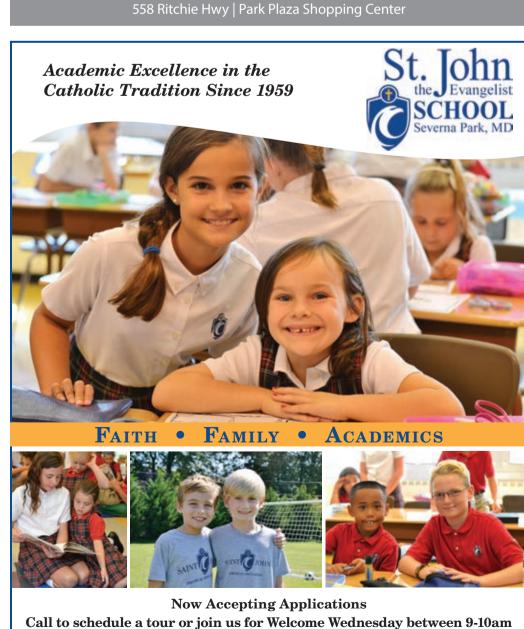
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ach month, the Pasa-Edena Voice poses a question to a local fifth-grade class. This month, students from Mrs. DiGiorgio's class at Pasadena Elementary School answered the question:

### What is love?

Love is if you're feeling down, a family member might come and cheer you up. Alexis B.

Love is playing with my brother, cooking with my mom and taking action shots with my dad's camera. Arabella M.

Love is my friends because they make me happy every day! It is also watching my



For the month of February, the Pasadena Voice asked Ms. DiGiorgio's fifth-grade class at Pasadena Elementary School, "What is love?"

# Pasadena Elementary School

hero on my favorite show. Carly T.

Love is wanting to go to Paris. It is also going to Ocean City with my dog. Love is being with your family and friends.

### Charlotte C.

Love makes your heart feel great. It also makes a special connection and makes

### Colbyn L.

Love is my family and snuggling with my pet on a sad day. Dominic C.

Love is hugs from your family and snuggling with your pet. Love can be food, like ice cream, candy, chocolate and even microwavable burritos. Gaius H.

Love is the taste of mozzarella sticks because they taste good and they are full of cheese!

Jacob B.

Love is everything that you like, love or care about. For

example, pets, family or even outside.

### Justin F.

Love is when you enjoy spending time with whatever you like. It is also when you can truly open up to the person you care about.

## Kiery M.

Love is me getting actual hugs from my dog in the morning. It can also be shown to your family.

### Kolby C.

Love is when you cuddle with

your family or your pets. Love is when you help people and show support! Laci L.

Love is when we have good and happy emotions about each other. It could also be actions that we do that mean a lot to the other person, like a hug.

### Liriel Z.

Love can sometimes be hard to find in you. But love is what glues your friendship together.

### Maisey M.

Love is my family at a cookout. It is when my mom rubs my back and holds me. Love is the kindness my friends give me when they stick up for me. Makhi G.

Love is a fuzzy feeling inside that you feel when you are comforted. Love is the happiness you feel when you're with your friends, family and even your pets.

Natalie C. Love is spending time with friends and family. Love is cute puppies.

### Natalie S.

Love is something that makes me happy. Love can be many things! Nick R.

Love is listening to your favorite song or seeing your grandparents.

### Robert G.

Love is between my family and me. It is when my friends hang

### out with me. Rylee M.

For me, love is cuddling with my cat, having family fun time, or even sleeping and eating. I love my phone, fish, and my grandma and grandpa. Sophia B.

Love can be between your family or your pets. It can even be a place or a thing.

### Trevor W.

Love can be shown to your family. You can feel love for an item or even a certain place. Will B.

Love is the smiles on my students' face when they enter my classroom. Love is the kindness they show to myself and others.

Mrs. DiGiorgio

## Lake Shore Student Is New Chick-fil-A Kid Correspondent

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audition for the Chick-fil-A correspondent, I knew he had a pretty good chance just because of his natural personality," Catterton said. "I am pleased for him and know that this 'national' experience will make a positive impact

on his thinking and future endeavors. Plus, he is just such a good kid, and it is rewarding to see good things happen to my students."

As part of the experience, Daniel got a tour of the Fox45 studio in Baltimore. From Chick-fil-A, he received a

punch card for 52 free chicken sandwiches or chicken strips, a red jacket that says Chickfil-A kid correspondent, stuffed animals, baseball cards and more.

Despite the experience, Daniel said he does not see himself as a future broadcaster.

"It was just a new thing to try," Daniel said. "I always like doing these adventurous things all the time. They're really great opportunities to try something new."

Daniel's PSA about Annapolis will air on Fox45.

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### Webster Nominated

» Continued from B6 come up with interesting ideas that they typically don't have a

voice in the classroom with." Previously, Webster has been nominated for Teacher of the Year twice and by the Northern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce twice.

"Mr. Webster is a dedicated, creative and innovative teacher," said Fort Smallwood Elementary Principal David Sembly. "He always comes prepared to teach, providing students with hands-on exploratory learning opportunities. Students are challenged and enjoy sharing their original ideas for solving societal challenges.

"The families and stu-

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dents of Fort Smallwood are fortunate to have Mr. Webster," Sembly said. "I eagerly anticipate hearing about the scientists, engineers, and creative world contributors whose curiosity and ingenuity was nurtured and developed in Mr. Webster's classroom."

Outside of the classroom, Webster runs sewing and robotics clubs.

"I like watching the kids' faces when they get something. It's the excitement rather than kids just sitting there with the monotonous face on," Webster said. "You can see they learned something new or something made a connection. When their face lights up, it's cool."

## Pasadena Schools Change The World One Penny At A Time

» Continued from B6 cures for blood cancers.

"I felt the need in the hospitals for the families and for the things that aren't covered by insurance," said Susan Lewis, a Riviera Beach Elementary School counselor who lost her father to cancer seven years ago. "I thought Pennies for Patients was a good way to get the students involved."

Upon her arrival at Riviera Beach seven years ago, Lewis helped create a human relations student committee at the school. Lewis serves as a coach, encouraging the students to take charge of many aspects of the fundraiser.

Students at Riviera Beach

collected donations from February 4 through 15. Each day, the school announcements, known as Beamers Broadcast News, were read aloud to remind students to collect donations.

A Riviera Beach fourthgrader named Hayden Martinez said she would, "Take from my piggy bank or money from my bank account and put it in the box so I can help."

At Pasadena Elementary, students will support the Pennies for Patients program from March 18-22. "We do it as a blast for the week," said school counselor Michele Noble.

Students will focus on a particular denomination of money each day and pair that with some of their favorite Spirit Week dress-up days. That Monday, students will wear pajamas to school and bring pennies. Tuesday will be Neon Nickels Day. Wednesday is recognized as Dazzling Dimes, with kids donning shiny outfits. Thursday, students will celebrate crazy hats, hair and socks with Crazy Quarter Day. Finally, on Friday, students will sport their favorite team jersey when they bring in a dollar bill for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Each grade level at Pasadena Elementary participates in a service-learning project. The Pennies for Patients project is led by the fourth grade.

"Last year, I collected and donated the most money in my class," said Pasadena Elementary student Kiery Matkins. "This was important to me because my grandfather lost his life. I hope that the money I raised will help improve treatments for others."

Pasadena Elementary students have rallied around a fellow student who has leukemia and is currently in remission.

"We oftentimes try to link our service-learning projects with our students and family community here in Pasadena," Noble said.

Last year, Pasadena Elementary raised \$3,283.83 in its one week of fundraising.

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# **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

# Local Stitchers Group Knits One, Friends Two



The Sit & Stitchers often take on projects where the knitters will all knit the same thing, such as the exact hat or sweater. Some members make hats, blanket squares or blankets for charities.

### By Judy Tacyn

len years ago, friends Teri Kepner and Lyn Class answered a meetup ad seeking knitters and crocheters in the hopes of creating a stitching group. The crafty friends stopped into a former Borders bookstore at Marley Station Mall, liked the group and brought more friends. Over the past decade, meeting locations have changed, and members have come and gone, but the group, now the Anne Arundel County Sit & Stitch, is more active than ever.

"We primarily knit and crochet, but most of us are multicrafters," Kepner said. "Some of us are quilters, some are painters. Some create pottery, some create with multiple media. We are just all-around crafty people!"

The group meets Tuesday evenings from 5:30pm and 8:00pm, and Saturdays from 9:30am to noon in the café at Lauer's on Edwin Rayner Boulevard in Pasadena.

"We also like to go on field trips to local yarn stores and yarn fairs," Kepner added, "so if we're not at the store, we're most likely on a field trip."

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"Everyone is welcome to work on whatever their heart desires," Kepner said. "People are also welcome to come ask for help with a project, or even receive help with learning to crochet or to knit. We have quite a few experts who are more than willing to help others."

Meetings might include three to 20 crafters, and members are welcome to attend as their schedule allows. Members come from all over Anne Arundel County, including Pasadena, Severna Park, Arnold, Glen Burnie and Waugh Chapel, and occasionally the Eastern Shore. Friend and family duos are common in the group.

When asked how people can join, Kepner said that's easy. "All you have to do is show up at one of the meetings," she said. "If you're timid about doing so without contacting someone first, we have a Facebook group called Anne Arundel County Sit & Stitch."

As for showing off their creations, Kepner said, "We're all much too modest to do something like that. But we do crank out amazing projects, beautiful articles of clothing, some plain but some with amazing color work. Everyone should come check us out."

For more information, email Kepner at teri.m.kepner@gmail.com or visit the Anne Arundel County Sit & Stitch Facebook page.

# Chesapeake Artists Pursue Exhibition Opportunities Around The Community

### By Maya Pottiger

Since she took over Chesapeake High School's Art Club this year, Carly Kriewald is trying to create new opportunities for her students.

This month, student work will be featured at Mountain Road Library and a few doors down at The Rumor Meal.

"We have a lot of really talented kids that, in a remote, small school, don't always get recognition," CHESAPEAKE HIGH SCHOOL ART TEACHER

Kriewald said. "It's nice to "I kno have the public venue as have a loan opportunity to display their chitheir work in the school program

— CARLY KRIEWALD

and beyond the school."
The Mountain Road
Library regularly features
an Artist of the Month in
its event room. For the
month of February, work

from CHS art students
will hang
in the room.

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"I know they have a lot of their children's programs in the event space, so I saved fun, colorful, bright artworks I had from the first semester," Kriewald said. Some of the

drawings of Spongebob, Disney World and other things recognizable to children.

work in the room features

The work hanging in The Rumor Meal was created by students in Art Club, as they are the more advanced art students.

"It makes it more real



to them. It makes it so they're like any professional displaying in a public space," Kriewald said. "You wouldn't really know it was student artwork when you see the artwork and read their names."

This is Kriewald's first year with Art Club and her third year teaching at CHS. Her goal is to >> Continued on B11

# Sylwia Ok Earns Prestigious Recognitions

### By Judy Tacyn

🕇 ylwia Ok, of Sylwia Ok Photography, recently earned a Master of Photography degree from the Professional Photographers of America, and was recognized for superior image making and photographic service. Additionally, she received second place in the Grand Imaging Awards in the children category for her photograph titled "Sleeping Softly" at the association's annual convention, Imaging USA, held January 20-22 in Atlanta.

Ok has been interested in art and design longer than she can remember, but her professional career didn't begin in photography.

Ok earned a master's degree in computer science and econometrics and has worked in various fields. The last job she held before opening her photography studio was as a project manager for Verizon, where she oversaw and coordinated fiber optic



Award-winning photographer Sylwia Ok enjoys the rewarding experience of documenting major life milestones.

projects in Tampa, Florida. When planning a family, Ok realized she wanted to start a business that would allow her to work from home and create her own schedule.

"The idea of becoming a photographer came about 10 years ago," said Ok. "It has been my dream to get my second degree in an artistic field for personal fulfillment. Then, one day, I decided to enroll in a photography program

online with the Art Institute of Pittsburgh."

Around the same time, Ok's husband, an active duty U.S. Coast Guard member, received orders to Kodiak, Alaska, and the couple moved there in summer of 2011. A monthlong road trip from Florida to Alaska through 18 states, four Canadian provinces and 12 national parks further deepened her love of photography.

"Kodiak turned out to be a

dream place for photographers to live and that's where my business started. At the end of 2011, I opened my first studio, and within a year, I was able to successfully establish both portrait and fine art landscape work with the local community," said Ok. "Then it was time for us to move again, and this time we moved from Alaska to Pasadena, Maryland. We were fortunate to find a house that had a perfect layout so I could convert the whole lower level into a dream boutique studio."

Ok specializes in maternity, newborn and baby custom portraiture.

"Custom photography is ultimately about creating full client experience. Each session and portrait is carefully designed with the client and photographic product in mind," Ok said. "With my professional expertise and experience, I help my clients to decorate their home with beautiful photographic art pieces."

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# **Dining Out**

# **Bonchon Has Exciting, Flavorful Options**

### By Mary Cobbler

In Pasadena, we tend to gravitate toward the same categories of food: crabs, burgers, buffalo chicken wings, crabs, the occasional Mexican or Italian dish, and did I mention crabs? At least that's the case for me. So when I heard I was covering the menu at Bonchon, a new Korean restaurant in Pasadena, I was a little intimidated. Would this be something I could handle? Something totally unfamiliar?

When I arrived at Bonchon — and especially once I tasted the food — I realized that all of my fears were unfounded. Now my only fear is that I won't get another chance to eat Bonchon's chicken wings again in the near future.

Bonchon is tucked away in the Festival at Pasadena shopping center, in the same complex as Weis, BJ's Wholesale, and several franchise companies and local businesses. My family, along with five of our friends, decided to go out to eat after church on a Sunday afternoon. We filled several tables at the narrow restaurant, but the



Photo by Mary Cobbler

The chicken wings were gigantic, full of meat, and fried in just the right amount of breading.

hostess and servers were nothing but pleasant to us as they combined tables and brought high chairs to accommodate us. The restaurant has a chic Asian vibe, but it also has televisions playing showing sports.

On the menu, there was no clearly labeled section for appetizers, but upon the waitress's recommendation, we ordered a round of potstickers for the table to start us off. Potstickers come in two flavors — spicy and garlic soy — and we chose to get a combination of the two. I'm a bit of a potsticker fan, but

they are usually mushy or burnt when I make them at home. These were outstanding potstickers: lightly fried on the outside and filled with hot, soft veggies and meat on the inside, then brushed with a flavorful signature sauce.

The pictures on the menu had piqued my interest in trying the diverse array of entrees. A few of them looked familiar — chicken sliders, Caesar salad, and fried rice punctuated some of the harder-to-pronounce options — but most of the entrees were authentic Korean favorites. Bulgogi

(a thinly sliced, marinated ribeye), bull dak (chicken stir fry), tteokbokki (rice cakes and fish cakes in spicy sauce and cheese), japchae (glass noodles with veggies and beef), and, of course, kimchi (a national Korean dish of cabbage and chili peppers) were some of the more exciting options on the menu.

I debated between the Korean tacos and the fried chicken combo, but after asking a few regular customers who were eating at the same time as us, it became clear that the chicken wings were the fan favorite. The customers insisted that I try the fried rice, too, as that was supposed to be a house specialty, so I ordered the rice alongside a combo of fried chicken wings and drumsticks.

The only negative aspect of our restaurant experience came with the timing of the delivery of our food. The potstickers actually arrived after our entrée even though we requested them as an appetizer. Half of our party's entrees came out quickly, and the other four entrees came out 10 minutes later, so they just had to sit

and watch us eat while they waited for their food. This was particularly difficult for the hungry children we had in tow (thank goodness for tablets that distracted them). A couple of dishes were lukewarm when they should have been hot. These were just logistical issues we noticed in ordering, but it is important to note that the menu states the chicken wings need up to 30 minutes to cook. We didn't see this when we first came to the restaurant, but when we noticed it, we wished we had called ahead to order.

In terms of taste and quality of entrees, we were thrilled! The chicken wings are nothing short of incredible. They were gigantic, full of meat, and fried in just the right amount of breading. Some chicken wings have lots of mushy, oily breading, and others have virtually no breading, just sauce. These wings were everything that wings should be! The breading was crispy and exploding with flavor (we again chose the combination of half spicy, half soy garlic). The drumsticks were even tastier in my opinion, although the

dishes were similar. Bonchon doesn't mess around with spice — if you order it spicy, you will breathe fire!

The chicken wings offered plenty of food to fill us up, but I was glad we ordered the rice to get a different flavor dimension. We chose the seafood fried rice, but we could have chosen plain, chicken, bulgogi, or kimchi bacon as well. The rice was savory. Shrimp, scallops, soft bell peppers, scrambled egg, and scallions transformed the dish into a rainbow of colors and flavors. We mixed in some yum-yum sauce to up the flavor even more.

We could barely breathe by the time we ordered dessert. Mochi ice cream is the only dessert offered at Bonchon, although it comes in a variety of flavors, including vanilla chocolate chip, strawberry, chocolate, and green tea. You can choose three flavors. If you've never tried mochi, you're in for an experience. Mochi is a gel-like, sweet rice patty, filled with ice cream and drizzled with syrup (at this location). The consistency is different from any other dessert and you'll either love

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## Sylwia Ok Earns Prestigious Recognitions

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Each portrait session includes planning and style consultation, a portrait session, ordering appointment at the client's home, master retouching of the chosen portraits, product delivery and complimentary art installation. Handcrafted custom-designed albums, wall portraits printed on canvas, metal print or acrylic are just some of the most popular options clients can choose from.

"Anne Geddes has been my biggest inspiration ever since I saw her work in 2000," said Ok. "I was mesmerized by the beauty of her newborn portraits and I remember saying, 'I wish I could do this for a living,'" said Ok. Fast forward a few years, and a friend of Ok had a baby and asked whether she would photograph her son.

"I will never forget the excitement of photographing her 8-day-old baby, even though I was a total beginner with posing, wrapping and handling the baby," said Ok. "It was obvious I had a lot to learn but in that instant, I knew that was the niche I would love to pursue one day. I attended online and in-person workshops to improve my skills. Even now, eight years later, I still feel that my style is evolving and I have room to improve as a photographer and an artist. Ironically, I was already an experienced new-



Award-winning photographer Sylwia Ok enjoys the rewarding experience of documenting major life milestones.

born photographer when I had my baby in 2016, and if she was my first model to photograph, I would most likely pick a different niche as she was the most challenging little one I have ever in my studio."

Ok feels photographing newborns and babies is challenging but one of the most rewarding niches in the industry.

"There is nothing more magical than creating portraits of the baby that just arrived in this world a few days earlier and documenting his or her major milestones within a first year of the life," said Ok. "Of course, there are some newborn sessions that are more challenging than others, especially when the baby goes through the first growth spurts or has a colic. Patience, flexibility and listening to baby's cues are the keys and definitely help during those moments.

"The business side of photography has also a lot of challenges," she added. "It's constant work to market to find the right clients, through networking with other businesses and professionals, website optimization, referrals and social media presence."

The challenges, however, simply cannot compete with the rewarding experience of documenting a client's major life milestones to create beautiful pieces that they proudly display in their home.

"Handing over beautiful albums and wall portraits to my clients and seeing their smile and tears of joy while viewing their portraits is the most gratifying part of my career," said Ok. "I am constantly working to improve my skills through workshops and print competitions while consistently providing amazing customer experience justifying their reason to come back to my studio, year after year, for more. I think that is the best reward a photographer can receive.'

The Oks will make their final move this summer to Sarasota, Florida, once her husband retires after 27 years of military service, enabling Ok to take on the challenge of reopening her business for the last time.

## Chesapeake Artists



Work such as this tribute to "Tom and Jerry" by Morgan Gray will be among the art exhibited by students this month.

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help art students see how their work fits in with the school and overall community.

"I'm injecting new op-

portunities, just trying out a bunch of things until I figure out what is sustainable to do year after year," Kriewald said.

To raise money for the club, students held a holiday fundraiser where they sold handmade gift wrap and gift packages. The money they raised helped pay for supplies.

During school events, Art Club students offer face painting to their peers, which is

popular among students. They will do it again for Lucky Day in March and ahead of the school's pep rally.

"I'm trying to increase their stake within the school community and give them a lot of opportunities to use their art to benefit the community, the school, themselves and to have fun with it," Kriewald said.

The students' works will be on display at the Mountain Road Community Library (4730 Mountain Road) and The Rumor Meal (4730 Mountain Road) through February.

## Bonchon Offers Exciting, Flavorful Options

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it right away or it might have to grow on you. I'm one of those people who is still making up my mind, but others at the table who love mochi said that they really enjoyed the flavor and consistency that Bonchon offered. It was certainly a pretty dish, and the mochi is different from most

desserts in that it is creamy but not overly sweet, a nice complement to the spiced, savory foods enjoyed the rest of the evening.

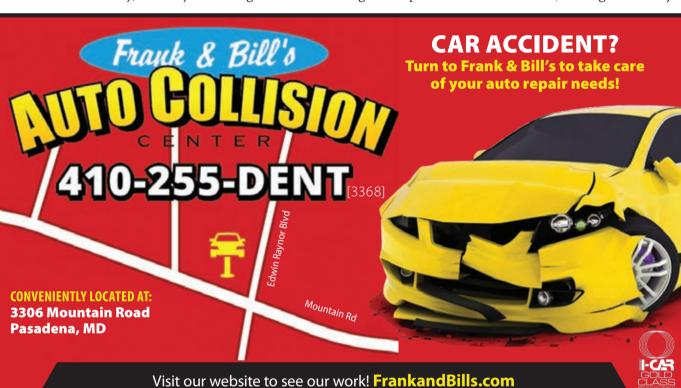
For the potstickers, the medium wing/drumstick combo, the fried rice, and the mochi, we paid \$52 plus tax and tip. We got a lot of food for our money,

however, and were snacking on drumsticks when we got home. Lunch specials available Monday through Friday offer specific dishes ranging between \$8 to \$10, so it's possible to dine for less at Bonchon. One thing to mention: You may want to research more if you have any food allergies — we

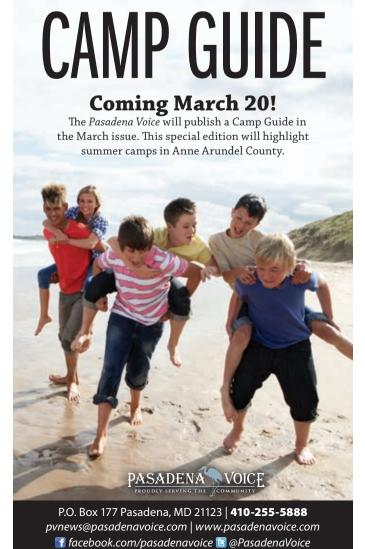
had someone in our group with a severe gluten allergy and there were few options for him.

Maybe you're hesitant to try Korean food as I was. Take my advice — don't wait! Try Bonchon this week and add some new, exciting food to your usual weeknight lineup!









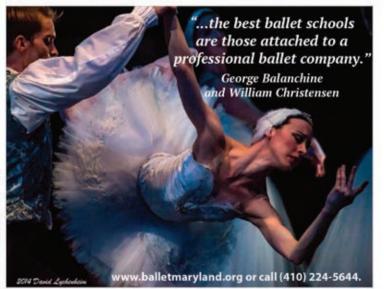


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